

Copy

July 11, 1916

Dr. H.M.Craig,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Dr. Craig:

Will you kindly put in writing the substance of our conference relative to the taking wood from the mission property, for the use of the Hospital. I was to consult with you as to the advisability of the Woman's Board clearing up the fallen and dead timber on the mission ground using the same for fuel. I understand that you would advise that Mr. Winterberger take charge of such work and that you would be willing to buy from him if suitable fuel and in correspondence with other wood available. Also, that to clear up the ground and cord the wood according to Judge Gunnison's recommendation would cost perhaps fifty cents a cord more than suitable wood can be purchased for now elsewhere. In other words that the work of clearing up the ground according to the recommendation of the judge would cost the Board fifty cents per cord additional to the sum realized from the sale of the wood.

Is this about the line of our conclusions?

I would appreciate a written statement.

Judge G. will do all that he can to get a settlement according to the terms of your letter. There can be no suit without Ole present--so that matter is postponed for a while anyhow. But the Judge will see that the girls gets the money, if possible, but in no case will permit the matter to go to suit.

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit

In re Haines, Alaska

July 22, 1916.

Rev. J. H. Condit, D.D.,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Dr. Condit:-

I have gone over the copies of the various leases to the natives and find that in two cases the list fails to show the number of years during which the lease has to run, viz:-

George Kelly

Joseph Andrews (Formerly Andrew Jackson)

I imagine that this omission simply concerns the copy sent us and that the original lease had the term named therein. Will you kindly let me know as to this so that we that we can complete our records here?

I also write to say that as the annual rental of each lease is payable in advance, and in order to impress upon the minds of the various natives holding these leases that the Board expects the terms to be strictly carried out that they had better be pressed to pay the rental past due. This rental, as soon as possible, should be remitted to this office so that we may have record of the payment in our cash book. Would it not be well to advise each one of these native tenants that you have been written to regarding the matter and that instructions have been given to collect this advance rental at once if unpaid, and to advise them that in the event the rental is not forthcoming within a reasonable time, the Board will have to take the matter into consideration as to whether the lease shall be continued or not. I agree with you that

these natives should be imbued with the idea that the Board expects them to carry out their part of the agreement so that there may be no possible impression gained as the years roll by that they are to be allowed to be in possession of the various pieces of land that are now leased in perpetuity.

If I mistake not, in a former communication you advised us that some of these natives had paid their rental in advance. In these cases I think it would be well to advise me so that we can make record of the same here. It will answer our purpose just as well instead of remitting the actual cash to this office if you will from time to time advise us of the collection of these rentals and instruct us to deduct the amount from the next check sent you, which will enable us to get the transactions in our cash record.

Very sincerely yours,

B/N.

Treasurer.

PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL

Haines, Alaska

P. O. Box 23

Conducted by

Woman's Board of Home Missions
of the

Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

156 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Harold M. Craig, M. D.,

Superintendent

July 24th, '16.

Dr. James H. Condit,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Condit:-

Relative to the clearing of the Mission woods of fallen timber, according to the recommendation made to Mr. Winterberger by Judge Gunnison, I wish to state that the hospital is willing to purchase all such wood suitable for fuel, paying the usual price for sound wood, and a correspondingly lower amount for unsound wood suitable for the furnace. As I am totally unaccustomed to such work I can make no estimate of the cost of the work, but I believe that it is advisable for the best interests to clean out this fallen timber, as it will lessen the danger in case of forest fires and promote the growth of the other timber.

Very sincerely,

H. M. Craig

August 22nd, 1916.

In re Haines (Social Hall) Property.

Messrs. Gunnison & Robertson,
Juneau,
Alaska.

Dear Sirs:-

We have just secured from our Board of the Church Erection Fund the enclosed Corporation Satisfaction of Mortgage, covering the property recently sold to "Kasko". Will you kindly have this mortgage duly recorded, so that the title conveyed by this Board through you as its agent to "Kasko", may be clear?

We have advised the Board of the Church Erection Fund that a second payment will be made by ^{Kasko}~~Castro~~ in the sum of \$50. and that this amount will we expect, be transmitted in October next, at which time we will place that sum in the hands of the Treasurer of that Board, as they have agreed to accept \$150., which we realized from the sale, in full satisfaction of the mortgage.

Yours sincerely,

Treasurer.

B/H

GUNNISON & ROBERTSON

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

101-107 DECKER BUILDING
JUNEAU, ALASKA

August 30, 1916.



The Board of Home Missions,
156 - 5th Avenue,
New York City.

Attention Mr. H. C. Olin

RE: HAINES SOCIAL HALL PROPERTY.

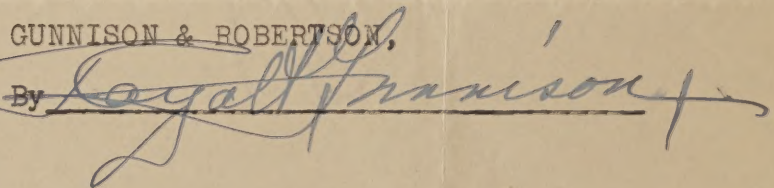
Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of
October 22nd enclosing blank corporate satisfaction of
mortgage. We are forwarding this satisfaction to Skagway
for filing.

Yours truly,

GUNNISON & ROBERTSON,

By



RAG/A

ROYAL A. GUNNISON
RALPH E. ROBERTSON

WESTERN UNION
A. B. C.
BEDFORD-MCNEIL

GUNNISON & ROBERTSON

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

101 - 107 DECKER BUILDING
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Sept. 9, 1916.

*In re
Gunnison Alaska
Leases to natives*

Mr. Harvey C. Olin, Treasurer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

We desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, addressed to our Mr. Gunnison. The writer is unacquainted with the various details enumerated in your letter, and we presume that same will have to await the return of Judge Gunnison, who is now attending a term of court at Valdez. He will probably return to Juneau about Oct. 1st.

Very truly yours,

M.

GUNNISON & ROBERTSON.

R. E. Robertson



GUNNISON & ROBERTSON

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

101-107 DECKER BUILDING
JUNEAU, ALASKA



October 17, 1916.

The Board of Home Missions,

156 - 5th Avenue,

New York City.

Attention Mr. H. C. Olin, Treas.

Gentlemen:

IN RE: HAINES LEASES

Your letter of the 30th of August came to hand on September 9th, during the writer's absence at the Westward. The office acknowledged its receipt.

Replying in detail to your letter we beg to say that these leases were all executed on the 3rd of May, but that the dates as they appear in the lease of Joe Kadgekan are as follows, that is to say; On page one, lines one and two, the date should be filled in "3rd day of May, A. D. ,1916", page one, last paragraph, sixth line from the bottom of the page the date should be "September 16, 1912"; page two, second line, space should be filled in with the word "one". The second paragraph should be stricken out from that page. On page three the date should be as follows: second and third lines "3rd day of May, 1916"; fourth line the word "five"; seventh line the words "first day of May" should be inserted; ninth line should read "first day of May" to conform with the original.

The lease to George Kelly is identical with the above as to dates and periods, except that on line two, on page two the figure "12" should be inserted.

The payments on these leases I thought best to have made to Mr. Winterberger and therefore told the Natives to pay

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him. I expect that they have done so. However, I do not know whether or not they have.

Referring to the matter of the leases of Jim Young, Mrs. Tompkins and Henry Vermerie, I beg to say that Jim Young executed the leases here at Juneau and paid us the \$1.00 for the first year's rental. He has since arranged to sell the house on the ground to another Native, and has made request on Mr. Winterberger to grant permission as provided in the lease. The \$1.00 rental we are transmitting to you herewith by our check No. 1526. The monthly rental of Mrs. Tompkins and the \$5.00 rent per acre annually from Mr. Vermerie were to be paid to Mr. Winterberger. Whether or not they have been paid I do not know. The rental for the .033 acre of land leased to Vermerie over the one acre I understand was to be covered by the \$5.00 per acre annual payment, inasmuch as it was so small a portion of an acre.

In addition to the above we have entered into a lease with Mr. Marrett for the small piece of ground on the Government Road about which we have already written you. He paid us \$2.00 for two years rental in advance, which we are remitting to you herewith in said check #1526.

In re Kasko deed, I have written Mr. Winterberger reminding him that Kasko was to pay the other \$50.00 on the 1st of October, to Mr. Barnett, who has the deed in escrow. I understand that Mr. Winterberger went away recently to meet his wife, and return with her to the Mission, so probably my

letter has not yet had his attention.

I am ~~xxxx~~ leaving in the morning for Skagway to attend to business for clients and while the boat is at Haines I shall try to see Mr. Barnett with whom the deed was placed in escrow, to see what has been done with reference to it and to see if we cannot get action on it if the matter has not already been closed.

We also enclose our bill for disbursements. The item of August 26th, cable to Thomas, Commissioner at Wrangell, was for telegram sent him for a copy of the description of the land on which the Petersburg Manse stands, in order that we might prepare the deed to Mr. Steberg, and the item of September 16th to Mr. Thomas, Recorder, was for the recording of the power of attorney from the Board to Dr. Condit and the writer in order that the record at Wrangell where the Board's deed to Mr. Steberg was to be recorded might show the authority of Dr. Condit and the writer to execute the deed. The item of September 16, to Mr. Rasmuson, Recorder, at Skagway, covers the satisfaction of the mortgage on the Kasko place and the lease from the Board to Marrett. The item of July 6th to Rasmuson covers the recording of the two leases to the City of Haines, one for the school house tract and the other for the fire station tract and also covers the recording of the two leases to Fairfield, recorded pursuant to your instructions.

Yours truly,
GUNNISON & ROBERTSON,

By 

RAG/A

GUNNISON & ROBERTSON

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

101-107 DECKER BUILDING
JUNEAU, ALASKA

October 17, 1916.

The Board of Home Missions,

156 - 5th Avenue,

Attention Mr. H. C. Olin.

New York City.

Gentlemen: RE: WIDENING OF MAIN STREET, HAINES.

I have again taken up with the common council of the town of Haines, the matter of widening this street in order to get the matter definitely settled. I learned today from a resident of Haines that at the last meeting of the council of Haines held on the 2nd or 9th, I do not know which, that the matter of widening of the street, construction of sidewalks and moving of buildings, was taken up by the council, Mr. Winterberger being present, and a committee was appointed to investigate the matter of cost to the city.

I am leaving in the morning for Skagway to attend to business for other clients and have asked one of the citizens of Haines who interested himself in the matter of widening the street, and who is at the present time sojourning in Juneau attending to other matters, to telegraph someone on the common council to meet me at the wharf at Haines tomorrow in order that we may see what they propose to do and finally adjust the matter.

I shall advise you fully as to the situation on my return home which will be the latter part of the week.

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With kind personal regards from the writer to Mr. Olin,
we are

Very truly yours,

GUNNISON & ROBERTSON,

By 

RAG/A

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ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

101-107 DECKER BUILDING
JUNEAU, ALASKA

October 18, 1916.

The Board of Home Missions,
156 - 5th Avenue,
New York City.

Gentlemen: RE: T. D. LAHEY LEASE- HAINES MISSION TRACT

We are enclosing herewith for your records copy of the above lease . As you will note from the lease, the rental of this property is \$5.00 a year. Mr. Lahey has paid us \$1.00 on account, and we are writing him today to remit the balance for this years rental.

Yours truly,

GUNNISON & ROBERTSON,

By

Royal A. Gunnison

RAG/A

Enclosures.

GUNNISON & ROBERTSON

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

101-107 DECKER BUILDING
JUNEAU, ALASKA

October 26, 1916.

The Board of Home Missions,

156 - 5th Avenue,

New York City.

Attention Mr. H. C. Olin, Treasurer.

Gentlemen:

RE: WIDENING MAIN STREET - HAINES, ALASKA.

The writer saw the representatives of the common council at Haines the latter part of last week. They have decided to accept the Board's proposition and are ready to move the fence and house, and put in the sidewalk. As Mr. Winterberger is absent, I told them they had best wait until his return, but that I would draw the dedication and agreement with the council and send up to them for their execution. As soon as that is done I will send you a copy of it.

Yours truly,

GUNNISON & ROBERTSON,

By 

RAG/A

GUNNISON & ROBERTSON

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

101-107 DECKER BUILDING
JUNEAU, ALASKA

October 26, 1916.

The Board of Home Missions,
156 - 5th Avenue,
New York City.

Attention Mr. H. C. Olin.

Gentlemen: RE: HAINES SOCIAL HALL - KASKO DEED

Enclosed herewith please find our check for \$50.00,
covering Kasko's final payment on the purchase price of the
Social Hall. This was received in the last mail, from the
gentelman with whom we left the deed in escrow, and to whom
Kasko paid the money while the writer was in Skagway.

We suggest that it might be proper to pay Mr. Barnett,
with whom the papers were in escrow, a fee of \$1.50 or \$2.00
for his trouble in the matter. However, we might say that
when we asked him what his charges were in the matter he said
that he had none and we therefore take it that he expects
no fee in the matter.

Yours truly,

GUNNISON & ROBERTSON,

By Royal A. Gunnison

RAG/A

Enclosure.

October 30th, 1916.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Dr. Condit:-

Alluding to that part of your letter dated August 18th last, with especial reference to the removal of the wood from our tract of woodland at Haines, and also referring to my letter of June 15th, I beg to say, after consideration, that there seems to me but one way out of this situation. It appears there would be danger from fire were the wood allowed to remain on the ground and I would therefore suggest that you, in consultation with Judge Gunnison perhaps, in the first instance, and then with Mr. Winterberger and Dr. Craig, arrive at some figure at which the Hospital would take this wood off our hands, such arrangement being made for the actual work of clearing and delivering to the Hospital as you can mutually agree upon.

Kindly go over this matter as I have suggested, as carefully as possible, and submit your report at an early date. I am aware, of course, that winter is approaching and that there is not very much time in which to handle this matter. If it appears to you that it is important and should be settled at once for the protection of the property, do not hesitate to reach a conclusion, referring the same to the office with the figures of the cost which will be entailed. This is a matter we shall have to take care of I am sure.

This letter is considerably delayed in answer for the reason that since my return from vacation I have been at home ill and under my doctor's directions. He does not allow me to go to the office at all, but about twice a week matters are brought to my home for attention, and are cared for here.

Trusting that you are well, I am

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

Haines file

November 6th, 1916.

Royal A. Gunnison, Esq.,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

Herewith you will find check to your order for \$26.33, covering your bill of October 1st for disbursements made by you on behalf of this Board up to September 30th inclusive.

A short time since we received a letter from Rev. Winterberger of Haines, Alaska, asking upon what basis leases were being made to the natives at Haines. Mr. Winterberger makes the point that unless the names of the applicants are first referred to him, there is a possibility that objectionable persons may be given leases, because their standing in the community is unknown, outside of Haines people and that it is one thing to make a lease with a native, and quite another thing to get rid of him, if the interest of all require it. Mr. Winterberger cites one of the cases recently - a Mr. Marrett, I believe, to whom he would have strongly recommended that no lease be given.

I have written to Dr. Condit on this matter, suggesting that he see you, as soon as conveniently possible, but owing to his absence, I have thought it best to communicate with you direct, even though it may be a repetition.

I do not now recall upon whose authority the leases were to be given, but it seems a reasonable suggestion on Mr. Winterberger's part, that all applicants for leases be first referred to him, so that he may have opportunity to disapprove of them in any case where reasons exist which would warrant a refusal.

It is not to be expected that either Dr. Condit or yourself can give intelligent discrimination as to the character of the men seeking leases; we therefore, approve of Mr. Winterberger's suggestion that he first be consulted, before entering into final negotiations with any one covering a lease of any of the Board's property.

Yours truly,

Treasurer.

B/H

November 8, 1916.

Gunnison and Robertson,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:-

Your letter of the twenty-sixth ultimo addressed to the undersigned, in which you announce the enclosure of \$50.00 covering the final payment due from the Kasko Deed for the purchase of ^{the} ~~A~~ social hall building, is in hand, but the check mentioned was not enclosed. Doubtless you have discovered this omission, in which event the check is now on its way. I am calling the omission to your attention, however, in case your failure to enclose the check has not been discovered and that it may be remedied promptly.

When forwarding the check, in case it has not left your hands at the time this letter is received, will you kindly remind me again about the statement of Mr. Barnett, giving me his full name and address, that he has no charges to make in this matter, as we would like to send him a word of appreciation.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.HEADQUARTERS
No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORKTERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

November 16, 1916

Mr. H.C.Olin,
156 5th Avenue,
N.Y.

Dear Mr. Olin:

Referring to your letter of the 28th ultimo with reference to the lease effected by Judge Gunnison with Mr. Merritt, at Haines, and Mr. Winterberger's request that no leases be made with natives until he has had opportunity to pass upon their character, and also his protest against the granting of a lease to Mr. Merritt with the statement that he had understood that Merritt was to be requested to vacate as did also "Dr. Condit," would say first, that Judge Gunnison has no intention of making leases with natives until same are approved by Mr. Winterberger, and has not done so.

Secondly, that Mr. Merritt is a white man and not a native. With reference to the latter I may say that Mr. Winterberger is right when he says that I understood that Merritt was to be requested to vacate the mission site which he occupies. On learning that Merritt had been given a lease I called upon Judge Gunnison to ascertain the reason therefor and was advised that in the Judge's opinion it was better to effect a lease with Merritt, thus securing recognition of the Board's title, and then to enforce the requirements of the lease as to care of grounds, appearance, etc. In case Merritt does not fulfil the terms of the contract it will be in order to take steps for his removal. Merritt has been for many years in occupancy of the ground upon which he now has a stable and which he has leased from the Board by this recent contract. It was the opinion of the Judge that it would be better to effect a lease, thus secure recognition of the Board's title without resort to process of law, and thereby be in a position to eject the tenant if thought advisable. In this opinion of the Judge I concur.

I may say that your instruction to the effect that Merritt shall comply with the spirit as well as the letter of the lease and failing so to do shall be faced with formal procedure for ejectment, will be faithfully observed. //

This letter also answers your reference to the same matter in your communication of October 24th.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

GUNNISON & ROBERTSON

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

101-107 DECKER BUILDING
JUNEAU, ALASKA

November 21, 1916

The Board of Home Missions,
156 F I F T H A V E N U E,
New York City, N. Y.

Re Haines Leases.
Attention Mr. Olin.

Dear Sirs:-

Acknowledging your favor of November 6th which came to the office during my absence, I beg to thank you for the check for \$26.33 covering disbursements.

Referring to the matter of Native leases, I have to say that I have executed but one Native lease when Mr. Winterberger was not present and that was to a native who had a house upon the ground and about whom I had talked with MR. Winterberger. Mr. Winterberger is quite mistaken if he thinks I have done so. The native to whom I gave the lease was Jimmie Young. You will find his name on the plat of the lots and blocks. When he wanted to sell his cabin, he was told that under the terms of his lease he must obtain Mr Winterberger's consent.

Referring to the matter of the Merritt Lease, I have to say that Mr. Merritt is a white man and one of the shrewdest and most difficult men to deal with in all that section of the country. I realized that it was Mr. Winterberger's desire to get the Merritt shack off the Government road but it seemed to me more important to get Merritt to recognize the title of the Board in this property and save the necessity of recourse to the Courts. When Mr. Merritt came to see me I offered him his choice of lots on the Main street side and urged him to take one there but he clung to the place on the Bay side. When I found that he was obdurate, I told him that he must improve his property and keep the place up. This he promised to do and if you will refer to the lease copy of which has been sent you, you will see that he is bound to do several things with reference to the matter. In the event of his failure to do so we can evict him, now that we have his recognition of the Boards title. I thought this the better way, and I anticipate that had I been able to get Mr. Winterberger's view of the matter in the light of what I have here written he would have agreed with me. Mr. Merritt should be required to live up to the letter of his lease. If he does not do so, I will, so soon as Mr. Winterberger, advised me of the matter, take it up with Mr. Merritt. Mr. Winterberger's

December 1, 1916.

Royal A. Gunnison, Esq.,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Gunnison:-

This will acknowledge your letter of the twenty-first ultimo, in re the Haines, Alaska, leases, in reply to my letter of the sixth ultimo.

I did not understand, nor do I wish you to infer, that Mr. Winterberger made any complaint, or that he was at all critical regarding your action in having negotiated a lease with Mr. Merritt. It is quite evident that Mr. Winterberger was not aware of the circumstances under which you very properly, in the interest of this Board, negotiated with Mr. Merritt. Your recommendation is entirely satisfactory and covers the matter thoroughly, and fully and definitely accounts for your action, of which we fully approve, in causing Mr. Merritt to take a lease of the property which he occupies. You will doubtless be able to explain the matter more satisfactorily to Mr. Winterberger when you see him personally; hence, I will write *him* further on this subject.

In writing you as I did regarding this matter my thought was to simply caution you as to the advisability, as well as the advantage, of ascertaining from Mr. Winterberger the status of any native who proposed to make a lease of the Board's property, and I may frankly say that upon a closer consideration this caution will hardly seem to have been necessary as your own good judgment would have unquestionably *im-* pelled you to take such a step before making the final lease.

I may add that I was in error in referring to the above matter as connected with any native as I was not sure whether Mr. Merritt was a white man or not. I regret that I put you to the trouble of making such a lengthy explanation, but thoroughly appreciate your thoughtfulness in giving me the facts.

I note that you are sending a copy of your letter to both Mr. Winterberger and Dr. Condit, which I am sure will most acceptably close this question.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

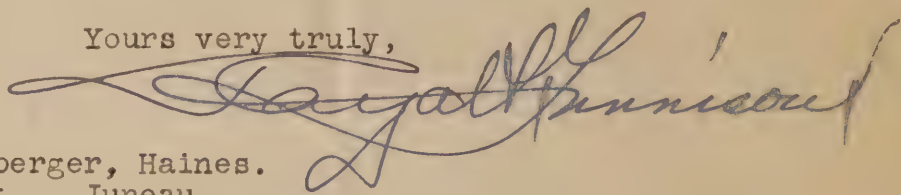
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absence has made it impossible for me to see him this Fall when I have passed through Haines. However, I shall endeavor to see him as soon as he returns, which I learned when in Haines enroute to Skagway on Saturday last, will be in a few days.

I have seen Dr. Conditt's letter to you on this subject. There really was nothing to add to his letter, but as it was I who had executed the Merritt lease, and who Mr. Winterberger seems to have thought was granting leases promiscuously, I have concluded to go into detail

I certainly shall not think of executing any instrument without the sanction of the authorities of the Board or its representatives, and am sorry that Mr. Winterberger obtained that impression, from anything that I have done. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Winterberger and to Dr. Conditt.

Yours very truly,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Fayal Hunsford', written over the closing 'Yours very truly,'.

RAG/g
CC to Mr. Winterberger, Haines.
Dr. Conditt, Juneau.

John H. Haines

November 27th, 1916.

Rev. E. L. Winterberger,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Winterberger:-

We are today in receipt of a letter from Dr. Condit, dated November 16th, 1916, concerning the lease made with Mr. Merritt at Haines. Dr. Condit's report on the matter, is as follows:-

"On learning that Merritt had been given a
"lease I called upon Judge Gunnison to ascertain
"the reason therefor and was advised that in the
"Judge's opinion it was better to effect a lease
"with Merritt, thus securing recognition of the
"Board's title, and then to enforce the requirements
"of the lease as to care of grounds, appearance, etc.
"In case Merritt does not fulfil the terms of the
"contract, it will be in order to take steps for
"his removal. Merritt has been for many years in
"occupancy of the ground upon which he now has a
"stable and which he has leased from the Board by
"this recent contract. It was the opinion of the
"Judge that it would be better to effect a lease,
"thus secure recognition of the Board's title without
"resort to process of law, and thereby be in a
"position to eject the tenant if thought advisable. In
"this opinion of the Judge I concur.
"I may say that your instructions to the effect that
"Merritt shall comply with the spirit as well as the
"letter of the lease and failing so to do shall be
"faced with formal procedure for ejectment, will be
"faithfully observed."

It is possible that Dr. Condit has written you somewhat in line with the foregoing, but to make sure, I am passing the above on to you, that you may feel assured all is being done under the circumstances that can be, pending any act on the part of Mr. Merriett which is not in accordance with the provisions of the lease.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer.

B/H

December 5th, 1916.

In re Haines Leases

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.,

Juneau,

Alaska.

Dear Dr. Condit:--

In looking over the correspondence in the above matter, I have been somewhat astounded by the fact that we have expended a considerable sum of money, in order to negotiate the leases made with natives and others for such portion of our property at Haines as they occupy.

For illustration. We have paid out the following sums directly in connection with these leases; to Gunnison & Robertson, viz:--

April 27th, F. S. Stackpole, Recorder, -----	\$1.70
May 6th, expenses R. A. Gunnison to Haines, -----	42.30
" " Services of Gunnison in re leases at Haines with parties on Board's property, six days at \$50., -----	300.
May 29th, E. A. Rasmuson, recording, -----	3.20
" 31st, Services Gunnison at Juneau, in re Haines leases, -----	50.
June 2nd, Paid Birkinbine making plat, -----	20.
July 6th, " E. A. Rasmuson, recording four leases, -----	14.80

This makes a total of, ----- \$432.

Upon the understanding that all items were expended in direct connection with the Haines property matters, it can readily be seen that we will never be able to overtake ~~the~~ that expense through the receipt of rentals paid in various leases now in force.

As Mr. Olin is unfortunately still confined to his home by illness, and as I cannot consult him, owing to his condition, I must needs turn to you for a little light on this matter; that is, how does it come about that through your recommendation, we have incurred so heavy an expense, when returns are so meagre?

If it is going to cost us \$3.70 to record each lease, in addition to the large sums we have paid out as above noted, then what advantage does the Board derive from making these leases, in view of the great expense attached thereto?

Dr. Condit, page 2.

I do not include in the above figures any amount charged by Gunnison & Robertson for postage, etc., for which we have paid them in connection with services rendered.

I would be glad to have from you a full statement as to the above situation that we may have the facts in hand, when the question is sure to arise when the accounts are audited, showing the outgo of an amount so far in excess of the sum received.

Appreciating your reply to the foregoing as soon as conveniently possible, I am

Yours sincerely,

For the Treasurer.

B/H

December 6th, 1916.

In re Haines, Alaska.

Royal A. Gunnison, Esq.,

Juneau,

Alaska.

Dear Mr. Gunnison:-

This will acknowledge your letter of the 21st ult., with which you enclosed check for \$55., covering the balance of the amount paid by Kasko in purchase of the Social Hall \$50., and amount collected on the first year's rental of the Lobby lease.

The only lease that we have on record covering a like name is the lease given to T. D. Lahey, also spelled Lehey in the same paper, which I assume to be one and the same. Will you kindly advise me which is the correct spelling?

By this mail, I am sending to Mr. B. A. Barnett of Haines an acknowledgement of his kindness and generosity in attending to the matter of the collection of the balance due on the above sale, without charge.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

B/H

December 5th, 1916.

In re Haines, Alaska.

Mr. B. A. Barnett,

Haines,

Alaska.

Dear Mr. Barnett:-

Through Judge Gunnison of Juneau, we learn that you have very carefully and efficiently cared for the small matter committed to your charge, in regard to the sale of the Social Hall to one Kasko, and that the amount of the purchase price in full having been paid, you have delivered the deed.

We are also informed that in reply to the question as to what your charges would be in the matter, you stated you had none to make.

I want to take this opportunity to cordially thank you for your very helpful and generous act in attending to the collection of the balance due on this sale, and to express our appreciation of your generosity in presenting no claim for services rendered. I beg you to accept on behalf of this Board and its officers our hearty thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

HAINES MISSION
(PRESBYTERIAN)
HAINES, ALASKA

REV. E. L. WINTERBERGER
MINISTER

Harvey C. Olin
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Dec. 16, '16

My Dear Mr Olin:- Enclosed you will find voucher for the Month of December.

I expected to have the remainder of the Native leases signed and in your hands, but an outbreak of the Measles, interrupted all my plans for the holding of meetings with the Natives. Until the quarantine is removed I will have to wait for the transaction of this business, as well as for the holding of religious services

Concerning the money for the interpreter, I paid him \$ 10. per month, instead of \$12. during the months of June, July, and Aug. on account of holding no services at the Cannery. You have sent me one check with the \$2. deducted, I suppose another will be on the way by the time this reaches you. If therefore you send the next check with the reduction the matter will be straightened out. Hereafter in such cases, unless you advise to the contrary, I will ask for the total reduction from one check, thus making you less trouble and settling the matter in one transaction.

In the matter of the deficit in the farm report, noted in your letter of Oct. 27 th. would say, that I did not expect the Board to remit any of that to me, but expected the sales this fall to make up the deficit. I think they will do that and leave a slight balance, unless my feed bill absorbs all.

The bill for repairs on the corner building will be met by the rentals from the same up to this month, and when I had hoped to send the monthly rentals to the Board, the lady who is in the building, finds business falling off so that she feels compelled to move. If affairs in the town improve with the coming of spring I may be able to rereant it, but if they do not improve, the building may be vacant. The building is however in far better shape than it was, and it has cost the Board nothing for the improvements, and they are permanent.

Mrs Tompkins is a widow and is having a hard time to make a living so that I do not feel like pressing the matter of the lease.

I trust you have greatly improved in health and that this may be a very Happy Christmas to you and yours.
Sincerely.

E. L. Winterberger

613 - I have a memo
to pay into 6.30 for
Jan - Jan - Jan

Started 8.30 per mo.

Wrangell, Alaska, April 11, 1917.

Dear Brother Waggoner:

I am enclosing the picture and floor plan of the building. It can be returned to us after the Board has examined it.

If this matter is presented to the Board at once and they shall decide to build, we ought to know it as soon as possible as it will make a difference with Mr. Campbell. If it is put off late, he may be somewhere else and not able to take the contract this summer, and this would necessitate getting some one else who would be costlier and not do as good work. We have writted for the plans of the building from the architect.

I arrived home on Sunday eve at 7 oclock P.M. just in time for the evening services, and met Marsden going to the steamer to go home, and found Bromley and Good here, helping in the services. Mrs. Clark is or was not quite down, but she had reached the end of her strength in looking after it all.

With best wishes for the success of the work this year, and for your trip to the Assembly, and the success of this buildind as presented by the committee, and yourself,

Sincerely yours,

P.S. They had a fine Easter service mapped out here.

J. P. Black

April 12, '17

Harvey C. Olin
156 Fifth Ave.
New York
N.Y.

My Dear Mr Olin:-The following is the report for the Haines Mission Farm for the First Quarter of 1917.

I have opened an account for the Farm at the Bank of Alaska, and am endeavoring to pay all bills thru the bank, tho the funds have not been very long on the side of the Farm Balance.

Feed bills have been very heavy during the winter, as you will note by this and my next report. But the stock has come thru in good shape, and I am planning to raise enough hay this summer so I will not have to feed any concentrates next winter.

I think it would be conservative to say that the Horse had saved the Hospital at least \$100. during the year in drayage bills.

I have had to use the rent from the bakery for the past ~~three~~ two months, as I have not had funds enough to pay the bills. But I hope to make this up in the course of the next quarter.

Receipts.

Milk to Hospital
Nov.----- \$ 8.75
Dec--- \$15.50
Jan.--- \$15.80
Gen'l Customers
Jan.---- \$17.90
Feb.-- \$13.65
Mar. --- \$11.40
Bakery Feb. & Mar \$20.00
Two Hides-- \$ 8.00
Potatoes-- \$ 2.25
Meat \$98.85
Total \$ 212.10.

Disbursements

Jan. 1st Defecit \$119.79
Jan. 23 Lilly (Feed) \$ 72.86
" 27 Blacksmithing
Dennerline- \$ 4.00
Feb. 1st Lumber \$ 1.65
" 5 th N.G.Hanson
Hardware--- \$ 21.80
" 27 Lilly 1/2 Ton
Cotton seed meal-- \$ 22.25
Mar. 9 th. Farm supplies
Riding attachment for
plow, 4 Doz milk bottles
parts of harness etc.
\$ 21.44
Feb. 13 Freight-- \$ 5.00
" 24 100 Fence
posts (Cutting) \$ 5.00
Total \$ 273.79
Receipts--- \$ 212.10
Defecit Mar 31 st. \$ 61.69

Signed.

E. L. Winterberger
Mr.

Ps. I am enclosing checks and receipts for disbursements. You will have to take my word for the receipts.

E.L.W.

REV. E. L. WINTERBERGER, M.

Haines, Alaska.

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REV. JAMES H. CONNIT, D. D.

General Missionary

Juneau, Alaska

Presbytery
of Alaska

Haines, Alaska. April 16, '17

Rev. John Dixon D.D.
156 Fifth Ave.
New York
N.Y.

My Dear Dr Dixon:- I am enclosing pictures of Bungalow for which recommendation was made by the Home Mission Committee for the Wrangell Field. I am also sending Rev Clark's letter to Mr Waggoner which is self explanatory.

The plans and the contractor's agreement will be sent on so soon as they can be secured from the architect at Seattle. This bungalow was constructed at Seattle under the direction of the Architect whose name appears and Mr Campbell signed a contract to construct it according to plans as it was constructed in Seattle for \$2500. with a ^{contract} wall half way around and the remaining part built of piers. In our estimate we thought it better, in this northern country, to have the wall built all the way solid for which we added \$200.

This contract price included the tearing down of the old building and his use of such lumber as may be usable for the construction of the new Manse.

In my report I believe I mentioned the item for the Saxman field as cancelled in view of Mr Marsden's removal from that field. This item should remain so that we will have it in case a new man is secured for that field.

Sincerely

E. L. Winterberger

May 1st, 1917.

Rev. E. L. Winterberger,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Winterberger:-

Your letter of the 16th instant addressed to our Mr. Dixon has been placed in my hands for reply.

In conference with Dr. Dixon on the subject of the bungalow recommended by the Home Mission Committee for the Wrangell field, we could only reach one conclusion, viz: that in view of the increased indebtedness of the Board - which on April 1st 1917 amounted to over \$151,000. - and the probable action of the Board when considering the budget for the new year that no buildings be provided for, it will I fear be necessary to forego the erection of the proposed building.

The expenditures of the Board last year totaled	\$968,630.10
while the income totaled, -----	908,638.13
which left a deficit in the current year	
alone of, -----	\$59,991.97
Adding to this current deficit the indebtedness	
with which we began the year of, -----	91,056.23
Leaves the Board in debt April 1st, 1917, -----	\$151,048.20

The appeals from all over the field operated by the Board ~~are~~ for increased grants and I am inclined to think that the Board will take the position that under all circumstances it will be wisest not to attempt to extend the work beyond that already projected.

From this you will understand, that unless there are extraordinary increases in the income of the Board that we will have more than our hands full in providing funds with which to meet the present work as outlined and that no funds will be available for the erection of buildings. I sincerely regret that it is necessary to send you a response of this kind.

It is not pleasant to be compelled to write letters which we know will prove so disappointing to the men on the field, as we realize how helpful it would be to furnish proper building facilities in connection with the work in far away Alaska, but the Board as you can see upon due reflection must act in a dual capacity so to speak, that is, to lend a sympathetic ear to the demands of the work on the one hand, and to provide plans by which the income of the Board shall be increased in sufficient amount to permit of the most important appeals being taken care of. The zeal of the missionary to not only hold on to the work under his immediate care, but to extend that work, in view of his knowledge of the needs is to be commended, but the final fact remains that it requires money with which to extend or increase the work; owing to the uncertainty as to the conditions that may obtain within the next six months or a year, in view of this government having entered into the war,

Mr. Winterberger, page 2.

it is felt to be the wisest plan to conserve such work as we already have in hand, and to make no attempt to enlarge it in any way.

The Board has elected William R. Patterson, Ph.D. as Financial Secretary, whose duties will be to devise ways and means by which the income of the Board shall be increased, and upon the expectation that the coming year Dr. Patterson will be able to largely augment the revenues of the Board, a budget of more than \$1,000,000. for the coming year is contemplated, notwithstanding that we received during the year just closed only a little over \$908,000.

I am sending a carbon copy of this letter direct to Mr. Clark at Wrangell.

I will hold the illustrations here of the building which you enclosed with your letter, unless you desire them returned.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer.

B/H

May 1st, 1917.

Rev. E. L. Winterberger,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Winterberger:-

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th ult., containing a report for the Haines Mission farm for the first quarter of 1917.

You were warranted in using the rent received from the bakery under the circumstances, but I trust that the farm will soon carry itself, so that you can account to this office for rentals in a separate statement, as we are carrying on our ^{books} account an old charge for money which we advanced on account of the Haines Mission farm equipment. We paid the A. C. Childs Purchasing Company \$358.32; Polson Implement Company \$123.76, making a total of \$482.08; against this amount we have sundry credits, including receipts from leaseholds of \$90.38, so that we still need to provide for the balance of \$391.70. When these advances were made, there was no provision made in the budget for this equipment account, hence we have been carrying the items in what we term our "Suspense Account" awaiting final adjustment.

It is our desire to apply all rental money against this balance, hence the reason for our hope that the farm will soon be placed upon a self-supporting basis.

In your letter you stated - "I think it would be conservative to say that the horse had saved the hospital at least \$100. during the year in drayage bills." Do I understand from this that while the hospital derived a benefit therefrom, the farm had to stand such expense as was caused by the keep of the horse? I ask this question for the reason that as the hospital is under the direct care of the Womens Board of Home Missions, the expense of conducting which is to be met by that Board, it is hardly the province of the farm account to so arrange its affairs as to make a saving for the hospital without a corresponding benefit. In other words, whatever advantage may accrue to the hospital through the use of the farm or any of its equipment should be paid for in an equitable manner by the hospital, so that the farm could derive that much benefit from the transaction. You of course, understand that the Womens Board of Home Missions in April 1915 withdrew all connection with this Board, and are now a separate corporation, and is therefore, directly responsible for its own Mission work. It is, of course, eminently desirable that the farm be so conducted as to be a great help to the hospital work, but on the other hand, the hospital superintendent should meet the charges that can be properly made, in order that due credit is received by the farm. The horse has to be fed and shod. If, however, the hospital has paid its proper share of service rendered to it, either in the way of work or supplies, then of course, the point I have made above has been taken care of. I would be glad to learn that such is the fact.

Sincerely yours,

(Extracts from letter of Rev. E.L. Winterberger, under date May 15, 1917)

1. Mr. Henry Vermeire, who lives just at the edge of town and who has leased two acres of the Mission ground opposite his house for five year terms on the basis of \$5 per year per acre, desires to lease two acres more under slightly different conditions.

He would like the two acres just back of the last Indian house and extending towards town. I cannot give the exact depth of the section. But the two acres would extend about to the second or third last native house. Say, taking in block No. 6 and extending back of block No. 5 on the blue print.

He would be willing to clear and put this two acres under cultivation for the first five years rental if he were given the second five year lease for \$5 per acre, per year.

Personally I am in favor of it as he is a reliable man, a hard worker with a large family, and a man who would make the best possible use of the ground. It would add to the appearance of the tract, and in the course of a couple of years, if all goes well, I would have brushed the section between his lot and our clearing so that we would have a strip cleared half way out.

Let me know what your opinion and that of Judge Gunnison is at your convenience.

2. Mr. Sheldon the proprietor of the Drug Store approached me this morning about getting a lease of mission ground (a lot) so he could put up a building for a drug store. He figures on putting about \$700 into the building besides his labor. He spoke of the matter of Sunday opening, and wondered what the Board would think of it. He said that he would be willing to close during the services in the church, mentioning the fact that the Drug stores are open in the States on Sunday.

I have no recommendation in the matter

3. Do you understand that the Board is willing to sell any portion of its property here? E.G., would it sell a lot if a man wanted to buy in order to build?

file - Harris

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

HEADQUARTERS
No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

May 23d, 1917

Mr. H.C.Olin.

156 5th Avenue,

N.Y.

Dear Mr. Olin:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of certain questions of Rev. E.L. Winterberger, of Haines, relative to property matters there.

I also enclose a copy of the recommendations made by Judge Gunnison and myself, after consultation, and submit these for the consideration and action of the Board.

Will you kindly send copies of your reply to Mr. Winterberger and Judge Gunnison.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

D. B. Olin

Haines, Alaska.

May 23, 1917.

The Woman's Board are entitled by deed to that part of the land on which the hospital building is erected, with an outlet to the road or shore as the case may be. We need a description by metes and bounds of the run of land that the representatives of the Woman's Board have always understood as belonging to the hospital property.

As your records will show, our title covers 266.54 acres and in order to make transfer to the Woman's Board of such portion thereof as can be equitably given them, we need to have a survey made of the portion which we can justly transfer to them.

The board gave a mortgage to the Board of Church Direction for \$1000.00 granted in 1903 towards the cost of erecting a chapel building at Haines, and without referring to the records of that Board I assume that such mortgage covers the full acreage, as at the time the above grant was obtained I imagine the setting apart of the portion assigned to the hospital property was not provided for when the above mentioned mortgage was executed. I presume that Mr. Winterberger can readily furnish this information.

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Copy

Rev. E.L. Winterberger

Haines Alaska.

My dear Mr. Winterberger:

Replying to your inquiries of May 18th, relative to certain matters of leasing in connection with our Haines property, would say, that I have consulted with Judge Gunnison, as suggested, and we agree to recommend to the Board:

{ (1) That a lease, on terms such as you suggest, be made with Mr. Henry Verneire. This lease to be prepared by Judge Gunnison upon notice of acceptance by the Board of our recommendation.

{ (2) We do not favor leasing to Mr. Sheldon on terms suggested.

{ (3) We do not favor sale of any of the mission holdings in parcels and at this time.

It seems to us that any other use of the mission property except that of the purposes of the mission are unwise. Leasing or selling, for building purposes, or occupancy, will involve the Board and Mission in commercial lines detrimental as we believe to the best interests of the mission. Also, it will introduce an element on present mission tract and in proximity to our mission, which after sale, and to a certain extent also, after lease, will pass from our control.

We believe that no sales should be made of tracts, and leases made only to natives, and that when the time comes for sale, should it ever come, the whole property should be disposed of and doubtless may be so disposed of to much greater advantage than by other methods. When the railroad is built to the interior from Haines as it surely will be some day, the opportunity of the Board from a financial point will have arrived.

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit

4.C.
June 6th, 1917.

Mr. Walter M. Aikman, Chairman,

174 Fulton street,

City.

Dear Mr. Aikman:-

Enclosed you will find a letter lately received from our Dr. Condit, with enclosures as stated.

If you approve of the recommendations made by Dr. Condit in response to the question submitted by Rev. E. L. Winterberger, our missionary at Haines, I will so advise both Dr. Condit and Mr. Winterberger.

I may say that our Dr. Dixon has read this correspondence and approves of the suggested recommendations.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

B/H

(Enclosures)

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The Central Stamping Co.

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June 7th, 1917.

CABLE ADDRESS "CENSTAMP CO."

Mr. Varian Banks,
Assistant Treasurer.

Dear Mr. Banks:

Referring to Dr. Condit's letter of May 23rd addressed to Mr. Olin in which was enclosed a copy of the recommendations made by Dr. Condit and Judge Gunnison in relation to certain lands at Haines, Alaska, in my opinion those recommendations are wise and should be adopted by our Board. Papers returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

W. M. Aikman

CHAIRMAN FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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June 8th, 1917.

In re Haines, Alaska

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

Dear Dr. Condit:-

Your letter of the 23rd ult. received with which you enclosed extract from the letter of Rev. E. L. Winterberger dated May 15th, 1917, sent to you asking instructions as to what procedure is to be followed in regard to the property at Hoonah.

The correspondence was promptly placed in the hands of the Chairman of our Finance Committee, and upon reading the copy of your letter to Mr. Winterberger in reply, I am authorized to respond to your letter, approving the conclusions which you reached in consultation with Judge Gunnison and which you recommended, viz:

- (1) That a lease on terms as suggested by Mr. Winterberger be made with Mr. Henry Vermeire, such lease to be prepared by Judge Gunnison.
- (2) We do not favor the making of a lease to Mr. Sheldon.
- (3) We do not favor the sale of any of the property owned by the Board at Haines, either in small or large parcels.

We fully concur in the reasons you have advanced for reaching the above conclusion as expressed in the reply you sent to Mr. Winterberger, to whom I am sending a copy of this letter, and also, a copy to Judge Gunnison.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer.

Haines, Alaska 48.50

July 14, 1917

Harvey C. Olin
156 Fifth Ave.
N.Y.

My Dear Mr Olin:-

I am herewith sending you Haines Mission Farm
check #109 for \$48.50 for lease rentals received by me and
receipted for the Board as its Agent.

Mrs Tompkins---- \$10.00 ✓

Mr Franklin--- 7.00 ✓

Fairfield-(2leases) 8.50 ✓

Jim King 1.00 ✓

James Watson 1.00 ✓

Charles James 1.00 ✓

Andrew Jackson 1.00 ✓

Town of Haines
Two leases 2.00 ✓

Gee. Kasko 1.00 ✓

H. Vermeire 2 Leases 10.00 ✓

Mrs Skokum Jim 1.00 ✓

Jas Williams for
Jimmy Young-- 1.00 ✓

Dave Klanot 1.00 ✓

Ed Shotridge 1.00 ✓

Wilson Barris 1.00 ✓

Geo. Kelley 1.00 ✓

Total \$48.50

Those on the Mission have paid with
the following exceptions.

Mr James Gibson

Mr Sam. Jackson who is away from
town but promised to pay when he came
in August.

Mr Jimmy Brown. to whom I have sent
two notices.

Mrs Tompkins gave up her bakery at
the termination of her lease.

I have rented the building to a
soldier for a Photo gallery for
\$5.00 a month. I have requested
Judge Gunnison to send me a formal
lease but it has not yet arrived.

Mr Vermeire has taken possession of
the ~~second~~ two acre tract in accord
with the plan to clear and put it
under tillage for 5 yrs rental. He
to have a second period of 5 yrs
at rate of \$5.00 per acre per yr.
I have requested the Judge to send me his
lease for this tract but he has not
sent it.

What is your pleasure in regard to
those who do not pay their rentals at
the appointed time?

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. Wintubergen
Agt.

Rs. I have also asked the Judge to send me lease for Powder House
but have not rec'd it.

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Report of the Haines Mission Farm

For Second quarter, April 1st- June 30



Receipts

Milk and Cream-----\$ 70.66
 Potatoes----- \$158.57
 Lease Rentals--- \$ 48.50
 Use of Disk---- \$ 1.00
 Resold sack of Lime \$ 1.00

Total \$279.57

\$279.57

Expenditures

Defecit Mch. 31st \$ 61.69
 Feed ----- \$ 52.96
 Seed and fertilizer 60.95
 Freight----- 37.05
 Labor----- 57.70
 2 Pigs--- 10.00
 1Pr Trousers--- 2.75
 1.Whiffle tree 1.00
 Money order---- .12

Total \$ 284.22 \$284.22

Defecit June 30, '17

\$4.65

Respectfully Submitted .

E. L. W.
 Mgr.

Ps. We have in about 1 and 1/2 acres of Potatoes, 2 acres oats,
 2500 cabbage plants, 1/2 acre barley, 1/2 acres Bagoes.
 In the labor bill is included \$17000 for brushing 1.7 acres of
 ground, which I hopeto get burned before fall and seeded.
 A former parishiner sent me \$25. to use as I desired and I
 am hoping to get an acre of ground brushed and burned for it.
 We believe the tide is beginning to turn in our favor.

E.L.W.

file
August 17, 1917.

Rev. E. L. Winterberger,
Haines, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Winterberger:

This will acknowledge your favor of the 14th ult. which came to hand during my absence on vacation and which I find inadvertently was not acknowledged due to the expectation that there would be sufficient time to reply to your letter when I returned to the office. I note that you have reported the receipt of lease rentals from four parties concerning whom we have had no previous advice, or at least we do not have on file any leases with the following parties, viz:

Mr. Franklin, \$7.00; H. Vermeire, 2 leases, \$10.00 (We have but one lease for Vermeire); Ed. Shetridge, \$1.00; Wilson Barris, \$1.00.

I need more specific information as to the foregoing than you have given. It is evident that leases have been made which have not been reported to this office and in order to keep our record correct and up to date we need full information regarding each case even though the lease has not been made out or recorded. If this plan is followed then we will understand your future remittances should you include any amount for anyone who has not on the date of renting executed the lease. Please let me know as to the foregoing.

I also note that the following rentals due on lease to the persons named are still unpaid; Jimmie Brown, Mrs. Gibson, Joe Hadden, T. D. Lahey. Regarding your question as to what procedure should be followed by those who do not pay their rentals at the time due. I should say that it is quite essential that the terms of the lease be strictly adhered to, else all the labor that has been spent by Judge Gunnison as well as the expense included will become null and void if we do not hold the lessee to the terms of the lease. The natives must be impressed with the understanding that the Board proposes to hold them to the terms of the lease or else they will be compelled to give up the land which they occupy. Leniency under special circumstances may be advisable for a limited time, but excuses that are not reasonable or made simply for the purpose of delaying the payment of the rental should be promptly and effectively discouraged. It is hardly conceivable that any of the natives are so poor as to be unable to promptly pay the insignificant sum of \$1.00. If by the time this letter is received there are any rentals still unpaid then it is our wish that you proceed at once to collect the rents or else dispossess them. I cannot see that you will be able to impress the natives' idea as to the Board's determination to rigidly adhere to the terms of the lease unless we keep our part of the contract: Viz: No rental, no land.

You also mention in your letter that you are waiting a lease for Powder House. Is this latter the name of an individual or of a building? We would much appreciate more definite information as you will, upon a moment's reflection, realize that we are working very much in the dark in regard to the details of the work under your care, and unless we make special inquiry of Judge Gunnison we do not hear from him regarding the leases he makes out until they have been executed and recorded. You will therefore see that you cannot be any too explicit in your communications regarding property matters. Please give careful attention to all the foregoing that we may have all the necessary information on file here. We are very glad indeed to learn that the farm is beginning to loom up as a possible income producer and that the splendid work which you have been doing in connection with the farm will soon eventuate in the success which you in faith anticipated.

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You will be pained to learn that our Mr. Olin is failing rapidly and that according to the testimony of both his doctor and nurse we can hardly expect him to live to the close of this month. We have all of us been hoping right along that Mr. Olin would recover from his long illness. He and his family have made a splendid fight but the end seems to be in sight.

You will be interested in learning that Rev. John A. Marquis, D. D., LL. D., President of Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who was elected as Secretary of the Board, to take up his work October first, has accepted the appointment and will assume his duties on that date.

Sincerely yours,

Asst. Treasurer.

Aug. 25, '17

Harvey C. Olin
156 Fifth Ave.
New York , N. Y.

My Dear Mr Olin:- One of the members of the Town Council of Haines approached me yesterday , and requested to know about the Mission Board's decision concerning the 10 foot strip of land the town desired donated by the Board for the widening of the Main street of the town .

As I recall the correspondence from Judge Gunnison or Dr Condit, the decision was to give the town this ten foot strip provided the town, moved the fence, the corner building and put all things in as good condition as they now are.

I cannot however find the letter in which this is stated, and do not wish to tell them to go ahead with the matter unless I have the word of the Board authorizing me to do so. Further I do not know whether the Board put any time limit on the proposition. It is my feeling that if such was not put on it should be done in your letter to me, so that if the town is going to act in the matter it should act within the next 12 month or so.

Will you therefore give me the action of the Board in the matter and state whether the Board desires any time limit placed on the offer?

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Sincerely Yours.

E. L. Winterberger

September 12th, 1917.

In re Haines, Alaska.

Rev. E. L. Winterberger,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Winterberger:-

In going over our correspondence a day or two ago had with you in reference to farm matters, I find that so far as our records show, no reply has been received from you to that portion of our letter of May 1st 1917, as covered in the fourth paragraph thereof, which I now repeat -

"In your letter you stated - 'I think it would
"be conservative to say that the horse had saved the hospital
"at least \$100. during the year in drayage bills.' Do I under-
"stand from this that while the hospital derived a benefit there-
"from, the farm had to stand such expense as was caused by the
"keep of the horse? I ask this question for the reason that as
"the hospital is under the direct care of the Womens Board of
"Home Missions, the expense of conducting which is to be met by
"that Board, it is hardly the province of the farm account to so
"arrange its affairs as to make a saving for the hospital without
"a corresponding benefit. In other words, whatever advantage may
"accrue to the hospital through the use of the farm or any of its
"equipment should be paid for in an equitable manner by the
"hospital, so that the farm could derive that much benefit from the
"transaction. You of course, understand that the Womens Board of
"Home Missions in April 1915 withdrew all connection with this
"Board, and are now a separate corporation, and is therefore,
"directly responsible for its own Mission work. It is, of course,
"eminently desirable that the farm be so conducted as to be a
"great help to the hospital work, but on the other hand, the
"hospital superintendent should meet the charges that can be
"properly made, in order that due credit is received by the farm.
"The horse has to be fed and shod. If, however, the hospital has
"paid its proper share of service rendered to it, either in the
"way of work or supplies, then of course, the point I have made
"above has been taken care of. I would be glad to learn that such
"in the fact."

Will you kindly let me know the facts concerning the above, as we would like to have our understanding that the Womens Board have enjoyed the benefit of the horse which is furnished by the Board confirmed or corrected. I am sure that the Womens Board will be perfectly willing in the former case to reimburse this Board for any expense incurred saved in drayage bills.

Sincerely yours,

September 12th, 1917.

Rev. E. L. Winterberger,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Winterberger:-

Your letter of the 25th ult. received. You state that one of the members of the Town Council approached you the day before and requested information about the Board's decision concerning the ten foot strip of land the town desired donated by the Board for the widening of the Main street of the town.

On referring to the correspondence had in this matter, I find that under date of May 13th, 1916, Judge Gunnison reported that while in Haines that month he was called upon by a committee of citizens consisting of H. J. Weitzman, R. M. Odell and Joseph Chisel. While Judge Gunnison made no recommendation, he submitted for our consideration a proposition to give the town, from the Board's property, ten feet from off its Northerly side, which would bring the street line or sidewalk line up to the edge of the steps of the church and would require the cutting off of the front ten feet of the shack now used by Mrs. Tompkins as a bakery on Lot 1, Block 1. Judge Gunnison added that "this ought not to be done, however, unless the town itself would agree to move all the posts and put in the sidewalk and also pay the expense of changing the building on the corner - that is, the Tompkins bakery."

From the foregoing, you will see that your memory is correct in recalling the correspondence had with Judge Gunnison as to the decision then reached; under date of June 16th, 1916, we wrote to Judge Gunnison that the widening of Main street was agreed to by the Board upon the conditions set forth in his letter, as quoted above. Undoubtedly Judge Gunnison reported the consent of the Board to either the Town Council or the committee of citizens, and I am therefore surprised to learn that no action has been taken by the town authorities in acceptance of the Board's willingness to grant the ten foot strip. I therefore beg to say that you are authorized to inform the proper authorities on behalf of the Board that the previous grant of the ten foot strip will hold good under the conditions above named, providing the street is widened as a result of this consent on or before April 1st 1918.

In the event that the town authorities fail to take advantage of this consent on or before said date, then this consent is to become null and void, and it will then be necessary to take up the matter upon its merits on and after that date as a new proposition, as circumstances may possibly arise which will make it either unwise or undesirable to concede this ten foot strip.

Yours sincerely,

B/H

Assistant Treasurer.

Sept. 22, '17

Mr Varian Banks
156 Fifth Ave
New York ,
N.Y.

My Dear Mr Banks:- The following gives the status of the leases on the Mission property under my care.

The following men have leases which I have executed or have seen executed by Judge Gunnison. Native Leases

RP ✓ Ed Shotridgg--- Lot 6 in Bl 2.
RP ✓ George Kasko----Lot 7 in bl.2
RP ✓ Ars Skokum Jim--- Lot 1 in bl. 3 Husband died last winter.
RP ✓ Joel Kadgekahn----- Lot 4 bl.3
RP ✓ Jim King ----- Lot 6 bl 3
RP ✓ James Williams --- Lot 8 bl 3- Williams bought house of Jimmy Young
RP ✓ James Watson----- 33 feet of extension of Fourth Ave.
RP ✓ Charlie James----- Lot 1 bl 4 and part of extension of 4 thave
James Gibson----- Lot 2 bl 4
Sam Jackson ----- Lot 3 bl. 4
Jimmy Brown ----- Lot 5 bl. 4
RP ✓ Dave Klanot ----- Lot 6 bl. 4
RP ✓ Wilson Barris ----- Lot 7 bl . 4
RP ✓ George Kelley----- Lot 1 Bl. 5
RP ✓ Andrew Jackson (Andrews) Lot 8 Bl.5

The following white men have leases.

RP ✓ John Fairfield---- Lot A on Plat
RP ✓ John Fairfield --- Acreage tract about land 1/2 acres.
RP ✓ W.H.Merrett----- Lot B. on Plat
RP ✓ Town of Haines--- Fire house Lot 1 Bl 2.
RP ✓ Town of Haines --v School Tract Lot C. on plat.
RP ✓ T.D.Lahey ----- Lot 5 Bl.2.
RP ✓ W Henry Vermeire- { Acreage lot "H. Vermeir" on Plat.
RP ✓ W Henry Vermeire- { Acreage lot adjoining above and same size line running east from Cor two of above lot to cor. of lot 5 in bl. 6 and same depth as above lot.

The following lease has been authorized by the Board but I ca not get Judge Gunnison to send me copy for execution.

Henry Vermeire----- { Two acres adjoining lot (2) above and extending along the Porcupine road to eastern line of Lot 1 bl. 6 and far enough south to make two (2) acres.

The following party has been on the ground for two years but I cannot secure a lease from Judge Gunnison for execution.

N.G. Hanson--- site for Powder House on North side of Porcupine road opposite to and starting from the westerly pint of Acreage lot (1) above. The agreement was for \$5. yearly rental but I cannot collect because I cannot get lease.

The following party is occupying building on corner formerly occupied by Mrs Tompkins as Bakery. I cannot get Lease copy from Judge Gunnison tho I have collected some rental since June. rental is at rate of \$5.00 per month.
Private Franklin U.S.A. Co A. 14 th Inf.

Leases have been executed for all the above except as indicated.

Namely --- Hanson for Powder House/
Vermeire for two acre tract.
Franklin for corner building. used as photo gallery
for 1917

I have collected rentals for all leases with the exception of

Jimmy Brown--- Native-- Lot 5 bl.4
T. Lahey ----- White man -- Lot 5 bl. 2

I do not have on file copies of all the leases executed, tho the Judge has promise to send me such. He has sent me none since the first ones that he executed when he was here. It is of course advisable that your Ag't should have copies of the leases for which he is expected to collect rentals.

The natives have been a bit slow in paying the rentals, but I am in hopes that they will be more prompt another year.

I have sent one notice to T. Lahey since receiving your last letter and will send another as he lives up the river.

I have also notified John Fairfield that his acreage tract will be taken up by the Board unless he fulfills the conditions named therein of clearing and putting the whole tract under cultivation by the first of May 1918. He has about one third under cultivation now, and more than half of that was under cultivation when he leased it.

This is the status of the leases, and I trust I have made things clear so that you will be able to understand them all.

Awaiting your further suggestions, I am,
Sincerely.

E. S. Winterberger

B. Reference to blue print will help to clarify any obscure points

E. S. W.

HAINES MISSION FARM

UNDER CONTROL OF
THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS, U. S. A.

E. L. WINTERBERGER, MGR.
HAINES, ALASKA

Mr Varian Banks
New York, N.Y.

Dec. 1, '17

*For Mr. Banks to
see letter to
S. W. or J. H. Condit
concerning sales to
natives - H*

My Dear Sir:- Nov. 17, I rec'd the lease rental from Mr Jimmy Brown. At the time of payment he desired to know if the Board would sell him the lot on which his house stands. What is the word of the Board in the matter of sales to the Indians?

My thot is that sales would take out of the control of the Board the land sold, and the indians might do things which would be detrimental to the work of the Board, such as drinking and the like.

I have reliable evidence that James Williams was drinking and had others in his house drinking. He leases, Lot 3 Bl. 4 originally leased to Jimmy Young.

Also Andrew Jackson Lot 8 block 5, has been drinking and had others in his house drinking.

What is the desire of the Board in these cases?

Sincerely .

E. L. Winterberger

HAINES MISSION FARM

UNDER CONTROL OF

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS, U. S. A.

E. L. WINTERBERGER, MGR.
HAINES, ALASKA

Nov. 7, '17

Mr Varian Banks
156 Fifth Ave.
New York ,
N.Y.

My Dear Mr Banks:- I write you concerning the lease on Lot 5 bl 4 the lease is made to Jimmy Brown. I have seen him twice and written him three times about the rental. He promises to pay, is well able to do so, but does not do so.

I am of opinion that it would be well for your office to write the man and tell him what you think of a man who lets his rental run from April until Dec. As it now stands he probably thinks it does not matter whether he pays or not, and if he receives word from you to the effect that it is payment or removal within 30 days it will mean something not only to him but to others on the ground as well.

You can readily understand that as Agent of the Board I cannot well order a man to leave the grounds for non-payment of lease, as it may involve a recourse to the courts, provided he should refuse to go. But if they understand that the Board not only thru its agent, but thru headquarters means business it will help to keep things tight.

Awaiting your suggestion in the matter, I am,

Sincerely Yours.

E. L. Winterberger

November 28, 1917.

Rev. E. L. Winterberger,

Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Winterberger:-

In response to your letter of the seventh instant, I am enclosing a letter addressed to Jimmy Brown in a self-addressed envelope which, after reading, you may mail, and also a copy of said letter for your own information and file.

There is no use dallying with the man much longer and if within fifteen days after you have delivered to him this letter he fails to pay the rental due then start proceedings at once to remove him from the property. He must carry out his obligations or else we want none of ^{him} ~~them~~.

In this connection may I ask if you will be good enough to report the names of any of the men who have been given leases who are in arrears for more than fifteen days. The rent is so small that any one of the men can pay the amount without one day's delay. I, therefore, want to impress upon you the desirability as well as the necessity for being fairly strict with all the lessees, as the longer we await compelling them to pay the rent when in arrears the more baneful will be the affect upon them. They must be made to understand that we mean business from now on.

Yours sincerely,

Assistant Treasurer.

Enclosures.

B-CM

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.HEADQUARTERS
No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORKTERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

November 28th, 1917

Mr. Varian Banks,

156 5th Avenue, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Banks:

The Hoonah leasing situation is perplexing and must be adjusted.

At the present time there are a number of native occupants of mission ground. Not only houses have been built but there are also, according to Mr. Beck, at least three boat building establishments on the ground.

What attitude shall the Board take in the premises?

Mr. Beck is anxious to foster laudable enterprises by the natives. Our mission scheme includes such work, looking toward higher citizenship qualifications, self support, etc., etc.

But, the title of the Board must be recognized.

Also, our policy at Haines is to provide living quarters, only, on mission premises, under easily controllable conditions.

Judge Gunnison raises the question whether, should mission property be used for purposes purely commercial, and aside from mission support, directly, we would be placing ourselves in a position where the title might be assailed on the ground of diversion from stipulated intent and purpose at the time of granting the patent.

He also suggests, as above, that there might arise perplexing questions in the matter of control of commercial or business enterprises independent of Board profit and control.

Shall we follow the Haines policy at Hoonah?

Matters have been allowed to go so far at Hoonah, by the carelessness of the preceding missionary, as to make it difficult to adjust the same now without giving offense to the natives installed on the ground, and hurting the work. It goes without saying that they should not have been permitted to occupy mission ground without permission from the Board.

Would it be advisable to sell outright small lots so located as not to injure the mission site for mission purposes?

I feel that the adjustment of the matter is one for Judge Gunnison rather than for the missionary of the field or myself. Will the Finance Committee be willing to authorize this? As the Haines settlement indicates this means considerable expense.

Will you kindly advise me at as early a date as possible what the mind of the Board is in this matter.

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit

(P.S. over)

P.S. Either leasing or sale propositions involve a survey of the tract similar to that at Haines. Do you authorize this?

J.H.J.

December 18th, 1917.

In re Haines, Alaska
Leases

Hon. Royal A. Gunnison,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Judge Gunnison:-

At our request, Rev. E. L. Winterberger of Haines has furnished us with a statement of the men - both natives and white - who are occupying parcels of land belonging to this Board at Haines under leases granted them, and we find that copies of leases for the following have not been furnished this office. Possibly they are in your files and can be forwarded to us without much delay or trouble, viz:-

Native leases

Ed. Shotridge, Lot 6 in Block 2.
Mrs. Skokum Jim, Lot 1 in Block 3.
James Williams, Lot 8 in Block 3. (Williams bought house of
Jimmy Young)
James Gibson, Lot 2 in Block 4.
Sam Jackson, Lot 3 in Block 4.
Jimmy Brown, Lot 5 in Block 4.
Dave Klanot, Lot 6 in Block 4.
Wilson Barris, Lot 7 in Block 4.

White leases

W. H. Merrett, Lot "B" on plat.
Henry Vermeire, Acres lot "H. Vermeire" on Plat.
" Acres lot adjoining above and same size
line running east from Cor. two of above
lot to cor. of lot 5 in bl. 6 and same depth
as above lot.
" Two acres adjoining lot (2) above and
extending along the Porcupine road to
eastern line of Lot 1 bl. 6 and far enough
south to make two (2) acres.
We have but one lease from Vermeire, covering 1.033 acres
of land, this parcel being a tract rectangular in shape
and 300 feet long by 150 feet deep, as described in
the lease. This description does not enable us to
determine from the foregoing descriptions which one of
the three leases, the one we now have in hand applies to.

Mr. Winterberger also writes that -

"The following party has been on the ground two two years
"but I cannot secure a lease from Judge Gunnison for
"execution.

Mr. Gunnison, page 2.

"N.G.Hanson --- site for Powder House on North side of Porcupine road opposite to and starting from the westerly point of acreage lot (1) above. The agreement was for \$5. yearly rental but I cannot collect because I cannot get lease."

Will you kindly ascertain from your records what copies of leases have not been furnished to Mr. Winterberger and furnish them to him as soon as may be convenient, that he may have on file a copy of every lease executed?

Mr. Winterberger reports that some of the men are drinking more or less heavily, and are inviting others to their houses, and has asked us what is to be done. It seems to me that we should adopt one policy regarding these derelictions on the part of the lessees, and if they are not willing to conduct themselves in such a way as will not vitiate the work of the Mission, then steps should be taken to dispossess them, providing their undesirable acts come within the terms of the lease.

Sometime ago I wrote to Mr. Winterberger stating that if the men do not pay in a fairly prompt manner the amount of their rental as per terms of the lease, then he should take steps at once to either dispossess them or compel them to pay the rental which is such a small amount that no man, however poor he may be, can hardly claim that he is unable to meet his obligation. Unless we hold the lessees strictly to account, I fear that the object to be attained in granting the leases will fall of attainment. What would you suggest be done, and how to go at it that we may give clear instructions to Mr. Winterberger in the case of delinquents, and also in the case of the intemperate acts of those to whom I have referred above.

Trusting that you will be able at an early date to place in Mr. Winterberger's hands copies of leases which have not been furnished him, and for which he is expected to collect rental, and awaiting your reply, I am

Yours very truly,

B/H

Assistant Treasurer.

If you do not have sufficient copies of leases in your possession to furnish both Mr. Winterberger and this office with one each, and you do have one copy to spare, I would suggest that you send such spare copies direct to Mr. Winterberger, and then give me simply the facts without copying all the formal conditions of the lease, but simply the salient facts. Unless a lease is made which is somewhat different from the others, it is not necessary to furnish us with a full verbatim copy of each lease, unless you happen to have sufficient copies for such distribution. I want to save a lot of trouble and expense where possible. ALSO. We find no lease or report in connection with the plot of ground occupied by Private Franklin of Company A, 14th Infantry, U. S. Army, who occupies the premises formerly used by Mrs. Tompkins as a bakery.

December 18th, 1917.

In re Haines, Alaska
Leases

Rev. E. L. Winterberger,
Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Winterberger:-

Owing to much pressure put upon us in this office through circumstances beyond our control, I have been unable until this date to take up in detail your letter of September 22nd last, in which you as per request, sent me a list of the men - both natives and whites - who have been granted leases to land of the Board occupied by them at Haines.

I expect to take this letter up by piecemeal, in order to note such items as need to be referred to you for further information or to be straightened out as the case may be, rather than to wait until all the data is in hand and ^{then} overlook some items, so that I will present the matters in categorical form by numbers and will ask you to make replies in the same order under the same numbers.

- (1) You report two leases given to Henry Vermeire, viz:-
 - (a) Acreage lot "H. Vermeire" on plat.
 - (b) Acreage lot adjoining above and same size line running east from Cor. two of above lot to Cor. of lot 5 in bl. 6 and same depth as above lot.

You also report a third lease to the above party for

- (c) Two acres adjoining lot (2) above and extending along Porcupine road to eastern line of Lot 1 bl. 6 and far enough south to make two (2) acres.

I have written to Judge Gunnison by this mail, giving him a list of lessees for whom copies of leases have not been furnished this office, and also requesting him to look up his records and ascertain what leases were sent you, so that he may as early as possible forward to you copies of all leases issued up to date. I presume - unless he has kept copies of these leases on file - that he can readily forward them to you, and if not, then I have written suggesting that he give you the salient facts in each case, as it would seem to be unnecessary to copy each lease verbatim where the terms and conditions are identically the same.

In your letter of September 21st you report that you have collected rentals for all leases for 1917 with the exception of Jimmy Brown, native and T. Lahey, white man. I trust that by the time this is received - if not before - you will have obtained these two delinquent rentals.

Mr. Winterberger, page 2.

In addition to the foregoing, I find that leases given to the following parties have not been reported here, viz:-

James Gibson

Sam Jackson

Henry Vermeire, covering the two acres adjoining one of the two previous lots and extending along the Porcupine Road to Eastern line of Lot 1, etc.

I have asked Judge Gunnison to report to this office, and also to you regarding the status of the Hanson and Franklin leases.

I have also asked the Judge for his opinion as to what course should be pursued regarding the natives who are using liquor on the premises.

Before this letter is received, I presume that you have sent on your reply to my letter of the 28th ult. asking for the names of any of the lessees who are in arrears in their rental. However, I want to place separate letter authority in your hands to take such steps as may be necessary, to either impress upon them the requirement of the Board or to remove them from the Board's property. We must be firm with the men and make them understand that they must either carry out their contract promptly or be refused the privilege which they now enjoy.

Yours sincerely,

Assistant Treasurer.

B/H

HAINES MISSION FARM

UNDER CONTROL OF

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS, U. S. A.

E. L. WINTERBERGER, MGR.
HAINES, ALASKA

Dec. 28, '17

Mr Varian Banks,
156 Fifth Ave
New York, N.Y.

My Dear Mr Banks:- I rec'd your letter with enclosure for Mr Jimmy Brown the native lessee and did not send it to him as he had paid the lease before the letter came.

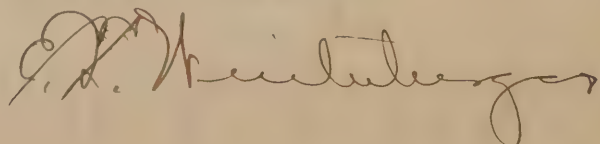
In a letter to me beforevthat date you asked for a general statement covering the leases for the year. I wrote out such a statement as per your request, and mailed it to you on Sept. 22 if this did not reach you I will send you a copy of the same.

All the natives have paid their leases for this year, and the only white man not paying, is Mr Tom Lahey, copy of whose lease I do not have, I wrote him some time since, and he said he would pay the lease rental, Tho he has not done so yet. I expect to get the same within the next few days.

Two of the Indians as you will notice by the blue print of the Mission plot, are in the roadways, and it was stipulated that they should move their houses, and repair them to meet with the conditions of the leases Mr Andrew Jackson, at Sixth Ave and Mr George Kelley at Fifth Ave. These men have done nothing in this line since leases were executed. It was my intention with your consent to inform them that if houses are not moved and repaired by May 1st that leases will be revoked and they will be compelled to move off the Mission. Their places are eyesores.

With best wishes for a **Very Prosperous** New Year
I am,

Sincerely Yours.



HAINES MISSION FARM

UNDER CONTROL OF

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS, U. S. A.

E. L. WINTERBERGER, MGR.
HAINES, ALASKA

Jan. 18, '18

Treas of the Board of Home Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York,
Ny Y.

My Dear Sir:- The following is the tabulated report of the work on the Haines Mission Farm during the last quarter of the year 1917, and a summary for the year 1917.

Receipts

Bal. Oct 1st.	\$ 53.02
Milk and cream	71.65
Spuds and RutaBagas	151.75
Beef and Pork	50.77
Horse Hire	1.00
Lease rental	
(Jimmy Brown)	1.00
Lease Rental (Franklin)	10.00

A. Stevenson to
cover O.D. at Bank 6.34

Total Receipts

\$ 345.53

\$ 345.53

Disbursements

Labor	\$ 75.20
Lumber	16.60
Cement	1.50
Freight	36.22
Feed	148.34
Wagon skein	1.65
Barrell	.75
Hardware Sept. '16- Nov. '17	25.35
O.D. at Bank	6.34
Sears Roebuck	
Bal on order	.75
Postage and Cable	.85
1 case oil	3.00
1-work coat	3.50
Bal. Jan. 1st	25.48

Total

\$345.53

\$ 345.53

Summary for the year 1917 by quarters.

First quarter	Receipts-----	\$ 212.10	Defecit Jan. 1st	\$119.79
Second Quarter	Receipts----	\$ 279.57	Disbursements---	\$154.00
Thrid Quarter	Receipts----	\$ 189.57		--- \$222.53
Fourth Quarter	Receipts-----	292.51		----- 131.90
				----- 320 05

D. D. Dixon

Miss R. R. R.

Hope on

cards

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*This amount
were paid 2/17/18
+ noted ack*

HAINES MISSION FARM

UNDER CONTROL OF

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS, U. S. A.

E. L. WINTERBERGER, MGR.

HAINES, ALASKA

Jan. 1, '19

Treas. of the Board of Home Missions
156 Fifth Ave
New York,
N.Y.

My Dear Sir:- I am in receipt of the urgent call of the church at Skagway to become the Minister of the church at that place. It is my judgement that in view of all the circumstances it would be a wise thing for me to accept that invitation. I am therefore laying my plans to that effect.

I would like to submit the following proposition to the Finance Committee of the Board for its favorable consideration. Namely : that the Board permit me to expend such amount of the farm funds now in my hands ^{as are necessary} to purchase the following items of furniture for the Manse at Haines.

Living Room and Study.

Heater	Swivel Study Chair	4-Section bookcase
Table	Morris Chair	Stand and taborette
Magazine stand	Three rockers	Writing Desk and chair
	Typewriter desk.	

Dining Room
Oak extension table
Heater
Serving table

Kitchen
Range
Table
Washing Machine
with water motor.

Bath Room
Fixtures

Bed room I
Small iron bed
Dresser
Chair

Bed room II
Wooden Bed spring
and Mattress
Large Oak Dresser
with Desk attached
Wash stand
Chair

Bed room III
White Iron Bed
Mattress & Springs
White enameled dresser
Chair
Shades and sash curtains
on all windows.

This outfit furnishes the house with all the heavy furniture except dining room chairs. The price would be \$255.00 and would just about cover crating and moving expenses of this amount of furniture from the Central West. It would save the man who comes a great amount of labor and trouble and the Board money in the end.

This is submitted with the understanding that Dr Condit appraise the furniture and see whether it is in good condition and worth the money asked.

I am planning to leave Haines about April First or so soon as my successor can be secured and would be pleased to have the decision of the Finance Committee prior thereto.

Dr Condit has stated that he approves of such action if it is deemed wise by the Finance Committee.

The Manse at Skagway is fairly well provided with the heavy articles of furniture.

Sincerely Yours.

E. L. Winterberger

July 16, 1916.

Re: Haines, Alaska

Rev. E.L. Winterberger
Haines, Alaska

Dear Mr. Winterberger:-

This will acknowledge your letter of the 1st inst. in which you report certain lease rentals having been paid, amounting to, as you quote it, to \$45 and an additional \$50 on account of income from the farm. The rental list which you submitted totals \$46. As you doubtless have a carbon copy of your letter you can readily locate where the difference comes in. I will therefore await your further word on this point.

Now, we are still somewhat in the dark, and a bit confused regarding the status of the leases, as you have submitted rentals in connection with which we have leases on file here, then again, other rentals have been paid for which we have no leases. I think it would be desirable at this time to have the whole situation cleared up, hence I pen the following statement:

We hold leases here for the following natives and whites, viz:

Natives

George Kasko
Joel Kadgekahn
* Jim King
James Watson
Charlie James
George Kelley
Andrew Jackson (Andrews)

Whites

John Fairfield
Town of Haines
Henry Vermeire. For this we have only one lease here, although your statement rendered March 5th refers to 3 tracts, only 2 leases executed.

For the following we have no leases on file at this office, viz:

Natives

Ed Shotridge
Mrs. Skokum Jim
James Williams formerly Jim Young
James Gibson
Sam Jackson
Jimmy Brown
Dave Klanot
Wilson Barris

Whites

W.H. Marrett
T. Lahay
N.G. Hanson
Private Franklin U.S.A.

In addition to the foregoing we hold ^{lease} ~~one~~ for Jim Young to lot 8, block 3, and another for Jim King to lot 6, block 3. Neither of these two men are referred to in your letter of the 1st inst. just to hand. Have they, or either one of them, ~~been~~ given up their lease? If not, why do their names not appear in the list of those who have not paid?

Will you also inform me if the lease that has been made to

James Gibson and to Mrs. Gibson are one and the same. I note that the latter name is used in your letter just received. Both names have been used in your correspondence.

Upon whose authority have leases been made to the men noted in the no lease list given above, and where are the duplicates? I think I took this matter up with you some time ago and it was then understood that Judge Gunnison had the matter in hand, but on referring to our records in this matter I can find no reply received from Judge Gunnison.

Give me the facts so far as you can concerning the foregoing and if you are unable to give me definite word as to the latter inquiry, I will then write to Judge Gunnison's firm in the hope that the duplicate leases can be obtained for filing here. I am sending a carbon copy of this letter direct to Dr. Condit in the hope that he may be able to throw some light on the questions propounded.

It is quite evident that if leases are made here and there concerning which we have had no advice, this office will become more or less confused thereby. I am, therefore, making a suggestion to Dr. Condit in a separate letter regarding these matters.

Awaiting your further favor, I am

Yours very sincerely,

VB/K Assistant Treasurer.

P.S. According to our records Mr. Franklin (or Private Franklin) has made no remittance on his monthly rental of \$5.00 since the \$10.00 you remitted under date of February 19th last. You do not mention his name with those who have not paid rentals. What about him?

HAINES MISSION FARM

UNDER CONTROL OF
THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS, U. S. A.

E. L. WINTERBERGER, MGR.
HAINES, ALASKA

ack

Jan. 1, '18

Treas. Of Board of Home Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My Dear Sir:- The following is the report for the Haines Mission Farm for the last quarter of 1918. also a summary for the year 1918.

Balance Oct. 1st.	\$115.62	<i>✓ contact</i>
Receipts Oct.	300.00	
Receipts Nov.	147.08	
Receipts Dec.	196.17	
Sale Of Mission Cow	150.00	
Total	\$ 908.87	

Expenditures	
Oct. Feed and labor----	\$ 55.34
" Board of Home Missions	150.00
Nov. Feed Etc.	77.86
Dec. Hardware Feed Etc.	62.38
Bal. Jan. 1 st. 1919.	563.29
Total	\$ 908.87

Cash Bal. Jan. 1, '18	\$ 25.48	
First Quarter		Expenditures
Receipts	\$304.52	Cash Bal. \$193.29
Second Quarter		Jan. 1, '18-- 25.48
Receipts	358.74	\$ 354.51
Third Quarter		
Receipts	311.68	\$ 337.00
Fourth Quarter		
Receipts	793.25	\$ 345.58
Total	\$ 1793.67	
Bal. Jan. 1st.	\$ 563.29	
Total	\$ 1793.67	

Included in the above expenditures is an item of \$345.00 sent to the Home Board. This with the item of \$150.00 for sale of Mission cow, shows a net gain for the year of \$758.29. in cash.

With the coming of the First of April or so soon as my successor can be secured I will leave Haines for the work at Skagway. The place is in good shape and with such help as I might give to my successor could be made to contribute quite a sum toward the salary of the Missionary if the right man is secured.

I have sublet one field of about an acre for this year for a \$25. rental.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. Winterberger

*50. 1/18
95. 1/18
102. 1/18*

Enclosed find check for 116.65 from farm bal. acct. E.L.W.

Have not yet received report from Haines for 1918

*173.29
116.65
446.64*

*Total from Haines 632.12
116.65
520.00*

Continued

Receipts \$ 212.10
\$ 279.57
\$ 189.57
\$ 292.50
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Total \$ 973.75

Disbursements

Defecit Jan. 1 '17----- \$ 119.79
1st Qr. 154.00
2nd. Qr. 222.53
3 ~~rd~~. Qr. 131.90
4th. Qr. 320.05
Bal on hand Dec. 31 st 25.48
Grand Total \$ 973.75

We regret that we cannot make a better financial showing than the figures will and do indicate. But we are out of debt, we have on hand a goodly supply of feed, about six or seven tons of potatoes, about \$100. worth of beef and pork sold. and most of our seed for all our spring planting.

We have in hand also an offer for rental of the farm which is 100% increase above what the place was rented for when we took charge about three years ago. This offer is by one of the best workers and most experinced ranchers in this section of country. We therefore think that something more has been accomplished than the figures themselves would seem to indicate. When it is recalled that the place was in wretched condition when we took hold of it and the soil of what was cultivated in a run down condition, that we have rearranged all the fields, tiled and cleaned them, refenced all the tilled land, built new pigpen, henhouse, and a splendid root cellar, besides rearranging the barn for the betterment of the stock and for easier handling; It will be seen that something tangible and worth while has been accomplished. The place is now a credit to the Mission where before it was a disgrace.

We have two acres brushed, and this we desire to have cleaned up this spring so that it may be sowed to oats. A glance at the expenditures will show the need of more land for raising hay to winter stock. This will cut down the feed bill and increase the number of animals to be kept for slaughter and ~~manasse~~ the fertilizer for the cropped fields. Our heavy rainfalls make imperative the use of a plentiful supply of fertilizer.

Besides this white and native services have been held regularly with increasing attendance and interest. We are in close touch with the boys at the Post and have open house one night in the week for them, at which times we have as many as 20 at the house to enjoy the social evenings. We have started a native play ground on the Mission with swings and sand box, and will add vaulting bar and swinging rings this year with other features. We have been cordially hated by the saloon interests but we are here and they have been put out of business. Thank the Lord!

On the whole the situation does not look very gloomy to us and we are confident that the future holds better things in store. It may be possible that a mere dream will be realized.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. Kintuburger

In Haines

January 24, 1919.

Rev. E.L. Winterberger
Haines, Alaska

Dear Mr. Winterberger:-

This will acknowledge your letters of the 1st inst. The check you enclosed for \$116.65 I now return, which you may use as salary due you for the month of February, the check for January having been mailed before the receipt of your letters. As an offset of the enclosed check I have charged your account with a like amount and have credited the same on account of the Haines Mission Farm. I made this arrangement in order to secure credit for the amount at once and to avoid the cost of exchange imposed upon checks issued on Alaskan Banks. As I understand it, the above mentioned sum is part of the \$563.29 which you report as the balance on hand as of January 1st, 1919, which leaves a net balance of \$446.64 held by you awaiting final disposal.

I also understand that the items of furniture listed in your letter are your personal property, and that you wish to sell same to the Board for the use of your successor, and you now ask that you be authorized to expend from the last mentioned balance the amount you have named in purchasing the furniture for the manse.

It would be inconsistent for the Board to require you to purchase and pay from your private funds such household furniture as you need for the manse and then to turn around and purchase that furniture of you and give same to your successor. This is not in harmony with the Board's policy. The brethren in Alaska are paid their traveling expenses from their home to the chosen field of labor, which expense includes the transportation of such household goods as they wish to take with them. When once installed in their homes, the Alaskan missionary is then placed upon the same basis as any missionary in the States. You can therefore readily appreciate that the policy of the Board could not very well show a discrimination such as you propose in your letter.

Here's a recent case in point: Rev. C.S. Gladfelter accepted the appointment at Hoonah as successor to Rev. George J. Beck. He was informed of the policy of the Board regarding furnishing the manse building, and immediately entered into negotiations with, and purchased of, Mr. Beck the furniture which the latter had bought and installed in the manse at Hoonah.

It has been some time since the Board or any of its officers or committees have considered the question of what policy should be pursued regarding the possible economy that may be obtained in purchasing furniture for the manses to remain in the building for the use of the missionary assigned to that particular field.

While I have given you the present attitude of the Board in

in the matter, I see no objection whatever to giving the question renewed consideration, and to that end will bring the matter up before our Finance Committee so that if in their judgment a definite policy is desirable they can make a definite recommendation to the Board.

In the meantime, it seems to me that it would be advisable for you to remit the remaining balance of the income from the farm which you have in hand as the result of the operation account for 1918, less such sum as you judge may be necessary to retain in order to provide for possible contingencies, and then make a final report and remittance covering the remaining period of your services subsequent to January 1st. There will be no objection if you retain the amount due you for your March salary, \$116.70, and remit the balance of the \$446.64.

Yours sincerely,

VB/K Assistant Treasurer.

Enclosure.

January 29, 1919.

Re Haines, Alaska

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Dr. Condit:-

I find that we have not replied to that part of your letter dated August 13, 1918, with which you enclosed your office copy of the detailed survey of the Board's property at Haines, by reporting that we either did, or did not, have a like copy. This seems to have been overlooked by my assistant to whom the previous portion of the letter had been referred for attention.

I find we have a copy of this same blue print in our files, as you understood, so that I now return herewith your office copy of the same blue print.

Sincerely yours,

VB/K Assistant Treasurer.

Enclosure.

January 29, 1919.

Re Haines, Alaska

Rev. E.L. Winterberger
Haines, Alaska

Dear Mr. Winterberger:-

About three weeks ago I wrote Dr. Condit a letter in which I stated that the total receipts from the lease rentals at Haines to the date of the last report, aggregated \$111.50; as against this our records show that we have paid out for legal expenses directly connected with the Haines property, mainly in connection with the leases, a total of \$632.10, so that if my figures are correct this shows a net loss to the Board of \$520.60 in carrying out the leasing proposition.

This brings me to the point where we want to make sure that the above first mentioned total represents correctly the total income from such rentals. Will you kindly let me know if in the reports you have submitted concerning the Haines Mission Farm you have included rentals from the leases which have not been specifically mentioned.

On referring to some of your reports I note that you itemize the receipts in some instances as "receipts in part from lease rentals" so that I want to establish the fact, if it be so, that you have always mentioned leases as a separate item, so that we may not be in doubt as to your meaning. For illustration - your report under date of January 1, 1919, for the last quarter of 1918 states

"Receipts Oct.	\$300.00
Receipts Nov.	147.08
Receipts Dec.	196.17"

We have assumed that no part of these three sums include any lease money. Your correction or confirmation of the foregoing will be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

VB/K Assistant Treasurer.

January 29, 1919.

Re Haines, Alaska

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Dr. Condit:-

Under date of January 1st Mr. Winterberger reports that the following leases have been executed and sent to you, viz:

Native -- Sam Jackson -- Lot 4 Bl. 4 -----	\$1.00 per annum.
White -- N.G. Hanson -- Powder House -----	5.00 Yrly.

These leases have not, as yet, been received here, but we understand they will come along in good time. That is not the point of this letter, however.

I am enclosing herewith a lease which was forwarded some time ago executed by Sam Jackson, dated February 15, 1917, to lot 3 in block 4. Has Sam Jackson leased both lots 3 and 4 in block 4? The enclosed lease may be a clerical error and has reference to the lease reported by Mr. Winterberger above referred to. Will you kindly let me know as to this.

Also, you will note on page 5 of the enclosed lease that changes have been made in pencil. Whether these corrections have been incorporated in the original lease or not I am unable to determine, but I presume they have been.

I have just written to Mr. Winterberger asking him if he has in the past reported monies received from lease rentals as part of the sums which he has accounted for from the Haines Mission Farm. This is quite possible as in a postscript to a letter he wrote on January 1, 1919 he said: "These items (referring to \$6.00 in lease rentals) are included in this quarters Farm report," and referring to the report no mention is made therein of any portion of the receipts representing such rentals. It is quite possible that the sum of \$111.50 which I reported to you in my letter of the 6th inst., as covering the total income from lease rentals, does not represent true facts. I will therefore need to await Mr. Winterberger's reply, or probably the result of such investigation as you have made concerning the accuracy of my statement, before arriving at the actual balance showing the net cost to the Board in leasing part of its holdings in Haines. In any event the amount will not come anywhere near the aggregated total sum paid out for legal expenses.

If you have not already done so, would it not be well to request Mr. Winterberger to send no further communications to Mr. Robertson at Juneau, but rather to yourself inasmuch as such former method might require an additional payment for legal services.

Sincerely yours,

VB/K

Assistant Treasurer:

Haines

February 11, 1919.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Dr. Condit:-

In your letter of January 8th last, addressed to Dr. Dixon, you brought up the question of renting the farm at Haines. While this question has been considered by the Executive Council, we have been unable to devote as much time to the matter as it deserved and, therefore, no decision has been reached.

Realizing that something should be done at once regarding the disposition of the horse and some farm machinery, the Council ~~have~~ decided to authorize you to dispose of these things at the best possible terms. This action was taken as an item by itself and is not to prejudice any further action that may be taken regarding the disposition to be made of the farm. That is to say, the sale of the horse and farm machinery does not necessarily mean that the land will be rented. There is a question in our minds whether this is wise, as there is a larger question involved regarding the policy to be adopted as regards the attitude of the Board towards its lands in Alaska that are not actually needed in the conduct of the mission work. Dr. Marquis is at present away and we therefore postponed consideration of this question until his return.

Very sincerely yours,

VB/K

Assistant Treasurer.

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

HEADQUARTERS
No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

March 19, 1919

Mr. Varian Banks,

156 5th Avenue, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Banks:

Your letter of February 11, relative to the renting of the Haines farm is before me.

Supposing that the Board would want to get whatever revenue it could from the Haines farm this season, whatever policy might be adopted later as to its sale, or otherwise, I had instructed Mr. Winterberger to obtain a tenant for the land if possible.

In accordance with your instructions I am now writing to Mr. Winterberger that it is inadvisable to rent the farm. This will probably mean that the land will lie unused for this season as arrangements for renting must be made early in the year. However, if you should later instruct that we proceed otherwise we will do the best that we can to rent the tilable ground.

Very sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

P.S. Mr. Winterberger has probably informed you that the horse and cow and also a part of the farm machinery, at Haines, have been sold as by your instructions.

J.H.C.

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
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JUNEAU, ALASKA

April 15, 1919

Mr. Varian Banks,

156 5th Avenue, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Banks:

In a letter recently received from Mr. Winterberger, now of Skagway,
is the following:

"I have leased the farm to Mr. McRae for \$200, reserving the privilege for the new minister of pasturing a cow, and use of barn for same; also the strawberry bed I started and a bin in the root house for the keeping of his vegetables, the chicken coop and the pig pen. He paid down \$25, is to pay \$75 by July first and the last hundred October 1st"

I presume that this action was taken by Mr. Winterberger before he received my letter notifying him not to rent the farm until the Board's policy regarding the property had been determined upon.

Inasmuch as this lease has already been made by Mr. Winterberger, acting as agent for the Board, I do not see how it can now be well revoked. I take it, however, that the lease is for but one year and inasmuch as any policy of the Board could hardly be put into effect this present year it seems to me altogether desirable that the land do not lie idle and that the revenue be secured for the treasury.

I regret that this course, in apparent contradiction to the suggestions of your office, has been nevertheless carried out. It has come about through the early agreement between Mr. Winterberger and myself, and before your letter came to hand, that the farm should not be allowed to lie idle. In my judgement it is better that it be leased, under all the circumstances, pending the final action of the Board.

Very sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

HAINES MISSION FARM

UNDER CONTROL OF

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS, U. S. A.

E. L. WINTERBERGER, MGR.
HAINES, ALASKA

Skagway, April, 30, '19

Mr Varian Banks
New York,
N.Y.

The following is the report of the Haines Mission Farm to date from January first 1919 to April 30, 1919 Receipts.

Bal. Jan. First---	\$563.29	Disbursements	
Vegetables, Milk,		Board of Home Mission---	\$ 481.65
Leases etc. ---	497.94	Feed, Labor, Hardware,	
Sale of Horse--	215.00	moving, etc---	317.22
		Balance on hand-----	477.36
	<u>\$ 1276.23</u>		<u>\$ 1276.23</u>

I am enclosing certified Check for \$250. to be credited as follows.

Leases.
White.

N.G. Hanson Powder house lot---	\$5.00	✓✓
Fairfield House lot A-----	1.00	✓✓
Fairfield, Acreage lot (New lease just sent Dr Condit, One fourth acre 70 feet deep right back of his house running from Hospital fence to School fence. One year----	2.00	✓✓
Lahey, T.D. Lot 5, Bl. 2-----	1.00	✓✓
Vermeire, Three one acre brush lots--- \$5.00 each	25.00	✓✓
" One acre cultivated land----	25.00	✓✓
McRae Chas. Payment on Farm lease ---	25.00	✓✓
He is to pay , \$75 july first, \$100. Oct. first.		
Native.		
Shotridge, Ed. Lot 6, Bl. 2-----	1.00	✓✓
King, Jim Lot 6 Bl. 3---	1.00	✓✓
Gibson, Mrs Jas. Lot 2, Bl. 4 -----	1.00	✓✓
King, Mrs Lily , Lot 7 Bl. 4 This is the Barris lot but the house was bought from Barris by Mrs King.	1.00	✓✓
Total	\$ 78.00	

The remainder of the \$250. is to be credited to the Haines Mission Farm.

So soon as I can dispose of the remainder of the spuds, about two or three tons, I will send you final report and check.

Respectfully submitted.

AMT	Y.
Ck. 250	
Dr.	
P.O.	
X.O.	

E. L. Winterberger

*Gr. under
Miscellaneous
Haines
Lease Rentals-78.00
Sale of produce, stock
etc Haines Farm 172*

May 2, 1919.

In re Haines Property.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Dr. Condit:

I have your note of 16th ult., in which you quote from a letter received by you from Mr. Winterberger, regarding the desire of John Fairfield to buy his lot. You have correctly informed Mr. Winterberger, in that it will be necessary to await the final decision of the Board in regard to the policy to be adopted regarding its holdings of mission land not required for missionary use. I understand that John Fairfield has a lease, so that he is fully protected until such time as the Board adopts the new policy, if any.

We are hoping that Dr. Marquis will be able to visit Alaska during this coming summer; as you are doubtless aware plans are now being made to this end. In this event it will be of great aid and comfort to you all to have the opportunity of consulting Dr. Marquis on all matters that concern the welfare of all the Missions in Alaska, including this property question.

Sincerely yours,

VB-DEO

Assistant Treasurer.

Alaska

May 2, 1919.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Dr. Condit:-

Replying to your letter of the 15th ult. in which you report that Mr. Winterberger has leased the farm at Haines to Mr. McRae, may I say that under the circumstances Mr. Winterberger did the correct things, even though it does not accord with the action of our Executive Council which was not before him at the time he made the lease. Of course, in view of this lease having been made we can make no definite disposition of the land, so far as a sale is concerned, as it would prevent title being conveyed under this lease unless special provision is made for such a contingency.

I would like to have a copy of the lease, however, that we may be fully advised. This matter, however, may work out all right as it will take considerable time to come to a definite conclusion regarding the plan to be adopted in regard to the lands owned by the Board and not required in the work.

I presume that Mr. Winterberger will in good time remit to this office the amount paid down on the lease, and likewise subsequent payments thereon. We would prefer to have a record of the financial part of the transaction here as well as the lease itself.

Very sincerely yours,

VB/K

Assistant Treasurer.

May 28, 1919.

Re: Haines Farm Leases:

Rev. E.L. Winterberger
Haines, Alaska

Dear Mr. Winterberger:-

We seem to be unable to get the correct record of the leases made to Henry Vermeire even with the help of Dr. Condit; this is our puzzle: in your statement rendered under date of April 30th, 1919 you reported among the lease rentals paid in, the following:

Vermeire, 3 one acre brush lots \$5.00 each....	\$15.00
" 1 acre cultivated land.....	\$25.00

Through Dr. Condit we received two leases, one dated May 3rd, 1916 for a plot of ground 300 by 150, a tract rectangular in shape, 1.03 acres of land, at a rental of \$5.00 per annum. The second lease made out in July 1918 (no date given) covered a rectangular tract of land 200 by 225 feet, containing approximately one acre of land, at a yearly rental of \$5.00 per annum. The third lease covers one acre of land bounded on the south by the mission woods, on the west by the mission woods, on the north by a brush lot which extends to the main street of the town, and on the east by a cultivated field. This third lease, we understand, is the one referred to in your letter of January 1st, 1919, the last paragraph of which reads:

"I have sublet one field of about an acre for this year for a \$25 rental."

Now this is the question -- is there a fourth lot leased to Vermeire, as it would appear from your statement that you collected on three one acre brush lots and one acre cultivated land. As this is the only item now extant which has not been made clear in our records, will you kindly put us right in the matter.

By the way, when reporting amounts received from lease rentals, will you give me in every instance hereafter the year for which the rental is paid. If I have not already asked you to do this I should have long ago as it is very helpful to us to have our records agree with your letter advice. You will readily recall that in reporting lease rentals you simply give the name of the party, and usually the lot and block number, but no period of time covered by the payment.

Appreciating your good work in this as in other matters, and trusting that I am not giving you too much trouble, I am

Sincerely yours,

VB/K

Assistant Treasurer.

January 29, 1920.

Re: Haines Hospital Property.

Memorandum for Mr. Allaben.

Before I could take up the matter of answering your question of the 21st instant, I was taken ill, and am now writing from my home to say that as I hope to return to the office on Monday next, I will, at the earliest possible moment, give your inquiry prompt attention.

Mr. M. C. Allaben,
Building.

February 9, 1920.

Dear Mr. Allaben:-

Replying to your memorandum of the 21st ult, regarding the transfer of the property in Haines, Alaska, to the Woman's Board.

Before such a transfer can be made, I find that we must have a survey furnished of that portion of the acreage at Haines which has been set apart, through mutual understanding, for the use of the Haines Hospital. We have some 265 acres at Haines, as you know, but there is no record here, so far as I can ascertain, of on what portion of the tract the Haines Hospital building was erected, so that it will be necessary to ask our present representative at Haines to give us the bounds of the land which has always been understood as covering the Haines Hospital allotment, before we can definitely take up the question of the transfer.

As you doubtless know, the Haines Hospital building was originally erected as a school building, but in 1907 and since that time until its discontinuance, this building has been used as a hospital.

I assume that the Woman's Board, at the time the Haines school building was erected, supplied the funds with which to erect the same, and therefore there will seem to be no reason why the transfer you ask for cannot be made just as soon as the Haines allotment can be determined.

I have written for the required data.

Yours sincerely,

Assistant Treasurer.

VB/EK.

Description of the plot of ground used for the Hospital Building
at Haines, Alaska.

Beginning at a point on the road to Ft. Seward distant 218'
1 " from the South West corner of the said road, where it intersects
Main Street, and from such beginning point (running) on the West side,
and with the line, of said road, South 5 degrees, .05 minutes East,
232' 5"; from thence in a Westerly direction South 80 degrees 50
minutes East, 300'; from thence in a Northerly direction North 9
degrees 10 minutes East, 225' and from thence at right angles 244'
3" to point of beginning.

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3" to point of beginning.

June 1, 1920.

Rev. C. D. Denton,
Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Denton:-

In re Haines, Alaska.

Enclosed you will find copy of a letter which I have sent to our Dr. Condit, which explains itself.

I would be glad to have you verify the description of the property, which I have formulated from the blue print referred to. I would also be glad to have you take up with Dr. Condit the question of placing a sale value on the various lots set apart in the survey made by H.P.M. Birkinbine as, if there is any advantage in beginning the sale of lots to residents of Haines, we probably cannot begin any too soon with the preliminaries.

In view of the trip which Dr. Condit is about to make up to Barrow, Alaska, and the impossibility of your being able to confer with him regarding the Haines situation, we can make very little progress until his return. I am, however, bringing this matter to your attention now, that you may be ready to confer with Dr. Condit at such time as may meet your mutual convenience, and then you may return to me your definite opinion and recommendation.

Yours sincerely,

ENC. *Handwritten signature* Assistant Treasurer.
VB/IK.

Copy sent to Mr. Denton.

June 3, 1920.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.,
825 East 52nd Street,
Seattle, Washn.
c/o Mrs. Ruth Gere.

Dear Dr. Condit:-

In re Haines, Alaska.

In January last I received a memorandum from Mr. H. C. Allaben, Superintendent of Schools of the Women's Board of Home Missions, asking if this Board "would be prepared to transfer the hospital property at Haines to the Women's Board so that this may be in shape to turn over to the United States government in case they can be induced to conduct their work there."

You furnished me some time ago with a plat of the Haines property, showing subdivisions as surveyed, and the plat shows a plot of ground assigned to the hospital, as described below.

If you see no objection to the transfer of this property to the Women's Board and recommending that it be done, please let me know at your convenience.

I am sending a carbon copy of this letter to Mr. Denton, so that he can confirm the description of the hospital plot as I have taken it from the blue print, which description, if correct, should read as follows:

Beginning at a point on the road to Pt. Barrow distant 218'1" from the Southwest corner of said road, where it intersects Main Street, and from such beginning point, on the West side, and with the line of said road, running South 5 degrees, .05 minutes East, 232'5"; from thence in a Westerly direction South 80 degrees 50 minutes East, 300'; from thence in a Northerly direction North 9 degrees 10 minutes East, 225' and from thence at right angles 24'3" to point of beginning.

This is one of the matters which I intended to take up with you but inadvertently overlooked. I regret that there were so many interruptions yesterday, to prevent my going over the several property matters more thoroughly. If I ever have time to go through Alaska property matters more thoroughly, I will take up with you each separate case; that we may have full and correct record here. So far as our title received through the U. S. Government is concerned we have all necessary information, but I believe it will be desirable to have fuller data regarding the other property which we occupy.

Sincerely yours,

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JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKAHaines Alaska

June 19, 1920

Mr. Varian Banks,
156 5th Avenue,
N.Y.

Dear Mr. Banks:

The Masonic Club of Haines desire to purchase a lot from our Mission ground at a point somewhere between the present mission buildings and the Military Post.

I would very much like to see them acquire such a lot if it be in harmony with the policy of the Board to dispose of parcels of the mission ground. In so far as my personal opinion goes I do not believe that the lot desired will ever be needed for direct mission purposes and I would recommend that a price be determined upon and the lot sold. It seems to me that the same procedure might very well be followed in regard to the disposition of other parcels of our ground at Haines not needed directly in our work--keeping in view at all times the possibilities of the future and the possibility of increased valuation. I do not believe that the sale of this particular lot to the Masons of Haines would be in any way detrimental to the interests of the Board now or in the future.

As I am soon to leave for Nome and the north to be gone all summer I would advise that you communicate with Rev. C.G. Denton, Haines, Alaska, our missionary on the field, and make such representation to him as the policy of the Board makes possible in order that he may in turn confer with those who wish to buy this particular lot.

I enclose a voucher from Ketchikan with my "o-kay"

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit

July 2, 1920.

In re Haines, Alaska.

Rev. C. G. Denton,
Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Denton:-

Through Dr. Condit, we learned that the Masonic Club of Haines desires to purchase a lot from our property at a point somewhere between the present mission buildings and the military post.

It will not be possible to secure action by the Executive Council of the Board until sometime in September, as some of the members are scattered throughout the U.S. and the others are on vacation. In the meantime, I wish you would send me either a specific proposition on the part of the Masonic Club, or your personal recommendation as to the value of the lot which that Club has expressed a desire to purchase.

Dr. Condit states he believes that the sale of this lot to the Masons of Haines, would be in no way detrimental to the interests of the Board now or in the future, in which event the Board will doubtless view with favor the proposition to sell, so that the proceeds from the same might be utilized to advantage in the work in Alaska, whether at Haines or elsewhere.

With your reply to this letter, please, send a pencil sketch of the relative position of the present ~~house~~ building and the lot in question, so that we may understand the proposition when the matter is taken up for decision.

Yours sincerely,

VB/EK.

Assistant Treasurer.

Haines Alaska

C. G. DENTON
Minister
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Haines, Alaska

September 9th 1920.

Mr Varian Banks.
156 Fifth Ave. N.Y.

Dear Mr. Banks:

I wish to report the following sums received.

N.G.Hanson Lease for powder house -----	\$15.00
Ben Barnett Two leases for town Haines-----	2.00
James King Lease for native-----	1.00
Sam Jackson Lease for native,,Tve-Leases---	2.00
Mr.Sheldon ,building used for storage-----	18.00
Total-----	
Total	\$38.00

I am retaining \$18 for upkeep. I will retain bills for same and have Dr Condit O.K. same. This leaves \$20. which you may deduct from current salary.

In your letter of Aug. 8th you ask about two leases for John Fairfield. stating taht your records show but one. I have never made out any lease for Mr Fairfield and simply took his word that he had two leases on a samall patch of ground. He is in Skagway at present and when he returns will ask to see his two leases. As to the two leases for the town of Haines and Mr Hanson will you please verify and see if the amounts paid are correct as I have no copy of these leases and the contracting parties here seem unable to find same.

I am inclosing a communication from the Masonic Club of Haines. Dr Condit I believe has already written you I believe in regard to same.

I would make the following suggestions. In case the board saw fit to grant a deed for this ground that it be fifty by one hundred feet instead of seventy five by one hundred. I do not believe that this would in any way interfere with the hospital building. If it is thought best to keep the hospital tract intact alot Fifty by one hundred feet north of the school ground on the post road would meet the needs of the committee and I think a hundred and fifty dollars would be a fair price for same. I believe if a few lots on the misssion tract were sold to people of the community it would create amuch better feeling. Haines seems to be ready for a boom. A cannery has been built here this surmer and mining interest are developing near here. Selling a few lots would show that the mission is not standing in the way of the development of the community and it would incerase the value of the remaining acreage.

C. G. DENTON
Minister
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Haines, Alaska

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There is some wood stored on the hospital tract that is rapidly deteriorating having been cut several years ago . Some time ago Mr Hawksworth of the Bureau of Education said he saw no reason why this could not be used for the school and mission. I think it might be well to have it understood that I may use this wood keeping ~~xxxxxx~~ an account of same at current prices. I think \$4.00 a cord would be a fair price. I might say that no large amount is involved and that I am simply writing about same to prevent any criticism if the matter should ever come up.

Sincerely,

Claud G. Denton,

September 28th, 1920.

Re: Haines Hospital Property

Rev. C. G. Denton,
Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Denton:

The Board at its meeting held on the 21st inst. approved of the transfer of the hospital property to the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

In attempting to give a clear description of the Hospital plot as furnished in the blueprint of the Haines Mission Lands, I discovered that the northern and southern boundaries of the Hospital tract seem to be described in such manner as to indicate that both these lines run west; that is to say, the description does not describe the boundaries of the Hospital plot starting and ending at the beginning point. For instance, the southern boundary reads - South 80° 50 minutes East 300', and the northern boundary reads the same except that the number of feet is 244' 3". Will you consult some authority as to how this can be corrected? We cannot very well describe the property by outlining the line that runs south along the west side along the road to Ft. Seward then on around the four sides in a continuous direction. If, however, the southern line is properly described as running South 80° 50' East, should not the northern line be described differently?

In my letter to Dr. Condit dated June 3rd last, in which I gave a description, I did not discover this apparent inconsistency and in your reply of July 1st last, you did not specifically state whether the description I furnished in that letter was correct or needed revision.

Please let me hear from you as to this so that we can carry out the wish of the Woman's Board of Home Missions to secure control of this Mission Hospital property.

Yours sincerely,

VB:MO *Very Respectfully* Assistant Treasurer

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October 14, 1920

Mr. Varian Banks,

156 5th Avenue, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Banks:

Replying to your letter of the 28th ult., in regard to sale of lot at Haines, at price of \$150, to Masonic Club, would say that the lot in mind is the 50 x 100 immediately south (not north) of the school house. Mr. Denton, who is here, states that he was in error in indicating the lot north. The blue print will indicate the exact piece of ground. It is between the school house and Military Post.

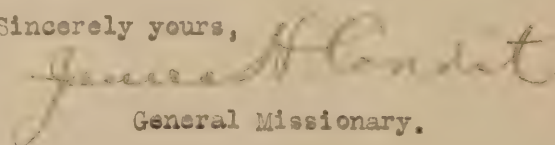
In view of the fact that we are dealing with a fraternal body of the character of the Masons I consider the price a reasonable one but not to be taken as a precedent in future deals.

There is an open drain running through this lot which will have to be safeguarded by putting in tiling in order that mission ground may be properly cared for and the drainage not blocked by building operations on the lot.

As I understand it I am qualified, as agent of the Board and Attorney in fact, to issue and sign for the Board a deed to this ground. However, I shall await farther instructions and perhaps an instrument duly drawn from you.

Following is copy of correspondence had thus far with the Masonic Club relative to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



General Missionary.

Telegrams

Haines, Oct 9, 1920

Rev. J.H. Condit,
Juneau, Alaska.

Request information as to what disposition has been made of request for purchase of lot on Mission Ground Haines by Haines Masonic Club.

George A. Romberg, Secy and Treas., Ft. Seward.

George A. Romberg
Ft. Seward, Alaska.

Juneau, Oct 11, 1920

Board authorizes sale of lot immediately south of school house to Masonic Club for one hundred fifty and cost of transfer on condition same be used for Masonic structure. This price special and does not establish precedent in farther sales.

James H. Condit.

Mr. George A. Romberg,
Ft. Seward, Alaska.

Copy

October 14 1920

Mr. George A. Remberg,

Ft. Seward, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Remberg:

This is to confirm my telegram of the 11th inst with regard to the sale of the lot, 50 x 166 ft., just immediately south of the school house, on our mission tract, to the Masonic Club of Boinee.

Mr. Denton tells me that there was some conversation as to buying a lot on the hospital tract but the portion now occupied by the hospital building has been transferred to the Women's Board of our church and they, in turn, have some kind of an understanding with the Bureau of Education as to a possible transfer of this tract to the government for medical purposes. Our Board, therefore, can not consider the transfer of any portion of this hospital tract.

The Mission Board is ready to convey this lot at the pleasure of the Club with the understanding that it is to be used for the erection of a masonic structure. The price to be \$150 and cost of transfer. I should add that there is an open drain running through this lot which drains the mission grounds and this would have to be taken care of by running a six inch tiling drain through the portion of this ditch running through the lot. We would expect the club to put in such a drain and arrange that the ends of same be properly protected against clogging. This is essential to the transfer as this drain is the outlet of the system draining the mission tract.

I shall be glad to hear from you farther respecting this matter.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Condit: Re: Haines Alaska sale to Masonic Club

This will acknowledge your letter of the 14th ult. with which you enclosed copy of your letter to Mr. George A. Bromberg of Ft. Seward, Alaska in which latter communication you advised that the Board authorized sale of lot immediately south of school house to the above club for \$150. The question that you have presented for the first time concerning the open drain which runs through the lot which it is proposed to convey to the above Club, opens up an entirely different situation and the Executive Council has asked if another lot other than the one through which this drain must pass could be sold so as to avoid any possible embarrassments in the future.

While it is true that in the deed of conveyance, conditions can be incorporated which would be supposed to protect our rights as they exist at the present time regarding the draining of our property through this lot in question, yet at such a far away point and in view of the occasional changes of the missionary at Haines, our rights will not naturally be looked after as effectively as though it concerned a situation over which we had definite and ready control. By this I mean, that if the successors to the present officials of the Masonic Club should ever, for any unforeseen reason lose their neighborliness, so to speak, and should become indifferent as to whether they make trouble for us or not, we would be compelled to face a possible embarrassing situation.

Then again, you make no mention of who is to provide the expense for installing a tile drain "in order that mission ground may be properly cared for and the drainage not blocked by building operations on the lot." In the event that it may be ultimately decided to sell this lot immediately south of the schoolhouse, there should be some specific understanding and agreement on the part of the Masonic Club people that they would be required to pay the expense for this tile drain. As the matter now stands we are not called upon to go to this expense and as you, of course, appreciate, the Board is not that kind of philanthropic institution which permits a sale to be made of its property solely in the interests of the purchaser. The reasons for making this sale as advanced by yourself and Mr. Denton were sufficient to secure the favorable action which has been taken, but if there are contingencies connected with this lot which involve the proper care of the remainder of our property then we must fully protect ourselves in some definite way.

We would, therefore, be glad to have you advise the Masonic people that the question of the drain and how it is to be provided must first be settled before we are able to carry out the transfer. As to this kindly let me know the full situation. We, of course, do not expect to pay from the \$150. which we receive from the sale, any part for the purpose of protecting our remaining property. That would neither be good business,

Rev. J. H. Condit, D.D. - page 2. November 6th, 1920.

nor reasonable on the part of the purchasers.

You are correct in that as agency of the Board, through the power of attorney issued to you, you are qualified to sign a deed of conveyance to properties of the Board, upon the understanding, of course, that the full approval of the Board is first obtained, but this condition was included in the power of attorney more for the purpose of meeting an emergency that could not otherwise be taken care of, and not that you should execute all deeds of conveyance concerning sales of property that the Board has approved. It would be a great disadvantage to us here, and would render our records incomplete to have the Board assign to its representatives in the field the power to transfer property authorized to be sold. I, therefore, request that when you reach final conclusions and the sale is ready for consummation that the matter of executing the deed of transfer be left with this office.

Yours sincerely,

VH MG: [illegible] Assistant Treasurer

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

December 2, 1920

Haines Alaska
Mr. Varian Banks,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mr. Banks:

Replying to your letter of November 6th relative to sale of lot immediately south of the school house to the Masonic Club of Haines, and with especial reference to the safeguarding of the remainder of the tract against possible complications in connection with the drain which runs through this lot, would say, that the Club now asks for price of Lot 9, Block 1, on Main St. (see survey plot)

In response to their inquiry, and after consultation with those available regarding values at Haines, I have suggested \$500 as a fair consideration, it being understood that this figure is special to the Club and is not to establish a precedent for future sales. Should the Club accept this offer I will wire you requesting that a Warantee Deed be issued unless it should appear that there is no cause for haste.

I note your explanation of my limitations as attorney in fact for the Board and will be governed accordingly. Because of the distance and consequent delay in doing business when each item must be made the subject of correspondence with your office it would seem that in matters of detail, initiation of sales, fixing valuation of property and preliminary bargaining your agent on the field should have considerable jurisdiction. Otherwise it will be practically impossible to do business in Alaska in a business like way.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

Copy to Rev. J. H. Condit, D.D., Juneau, Alaska

January 24th, 1921.

Re: Haines, Alaska

Rev. Claude G. Denton,
Haines, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Denton:

As there has been a want of information on the part of this office in connection with some leases made at Haines, due to the fact that we had neither foreknowledge of them nor subsequent report thereon, I have arranged with Dr. Condit to have all leases to all lands in Alaska, whether to natives or to whites properly recorded here at this office first and to send same direct to Dr. Condit for signing and record in his office, as well. In this way we will know just where we stand at any time on our property matters, and therefore, I write to say that it would be advisable to communicate direct with Dr. Condit as to needs for leases being made, giving him full particulars in order that he may have the data in hand at the time he forwards same to this office, so that at the time the leases are forwarded to me we will be able to conclude the execution of these leases, without delay.

If I mistake not, the majority of the leases now in force expire on May 1st next. I would, therefore, recommend that you get in touch with Dr. Condit at once about the renewals and make your recommendations to him and he will send them on here for final consideration.

If there are any of the natives who are inclined to overlook payment of the nominal rental it should be carefully considered as to whether the Board is warranted in renewing such leases inasmuch as the man who does not pay his rental, however small the amount may be, is evidently not sufficiently impressed with the fact that it is the Board's property and therefore, he must be amenable to the laws covering such transactions. As you, of course, know the object of changing a nominal rental is to aid the natives to secure homes of their own on the one hand, and to recognize the ownership of the Board.

On a separate sheet I enclose a statement of the leases now in force, the period for which they have been running and the date of expiration. I do not attempt in this statement to give you the description of the parcels that are leased to each party, upon the assumption that you have that information in your possession. If, however, there is any fact connected with any one of these leases that you may desire to have, not now known to you, you can doubtless, get the desired information by reviewing the lease which the tenant holds.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Condit.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer

VB. MG

Enc.

H.O.Banta,
President

George A. Romberg,
Secy and Treas.

C.W.Stidham,
Trustee

Haines Masonic Club
Haines, Alaska.

February 14, 1921

Dr. James H. Condit,
Juneau,
Alaska.

Dear Sir and Brother:-

As you are aware the inadequacy of the Haines Public School buildings has become so pronounced as to be acute. The Club has taken steps to endeavor to secure legislation in an effort to relieve this condition, and to date prospects of such aid are good. The purpose of this communication is to secure information as to purpose the hospital building owned by the Mission is to be used for in the future and if this building could be bought by the Territory of the Government for school purposes. To all intents this building has been permanently abandoned and it is the opinion that, with some remodeling this building could be admirably adapted to meet the needs of this community in properly housing its present and future pupils.

Requesting your aid in this important phase of our community life, I beg to remain,

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,

(signed) George A. Romberg,
Secy. and Treas.

Copy

February 17, 1921

Mr. George A. Romberg,
Secy and Treas. ,
Haines Masonic Club,
Haines, Alaska.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am in receipt of your letter, in the name of the Club, asking as to the possibility of acquiring the old Hospital building and Tract on the Mission Ground for School purposes.

On this date I am submitting your request to the proper Mission Board and will communicate with you so soon as I have word from the same. With kind regards to the members of the Club, I am

Sincerely and Praternally yours,

James H. Condit

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

February 17, 1921

Mr. Varian Banks,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mr. Banks:

I am herewith enclosing a copy of a letter just received from the Haines Masonic Club which is self explanatory.

I presume that it will be in order to submit the same to the Woman's Board for consideration as my understanding is that the lot upon which the Hospital building at Haines stands, and which is indicated as segregated, (and is in fact enclosed by fence) on the Birkenbine Survey, has been transferred to that Board.

The matter of providing a suitable school equipment for Haines will come up at the coming meeting of the Territorial Legislature, to convene early in March and continue two months. It is essential to the plans of the Haines people that they have information as to the possibility of buying this Hospital Tract. If possible, therefore, I would like to have definite information as to the plans of the Board for the future of this Haines property. As I understand it the Bureau of Education has given up its purpose of using this property. If this be true it now reverts to the Woman's Board. Something ought to be done regarding the equipment; instruments, bedding, furnishings, etc., etc., now in the building and subject to natural deterioration. If there is no thought of using these things in Haines they ought to be put to use some where else. Also, if the building is not to be used by the Board it ought to be put to some good use for the community and for my part I can think of no better service it can render than that of furnishing what the community now sadly needs, viz, a suitable school building.

May I hope for an early reply to this letter in order that I may put something definite before the Masonic Club. They want to know if the building is for sale, first, and whether it can be acquired by the government for school purposes. The question of price will also come up for consideration but is not so important now as that of the possibility of acquiring the property.

I have assured the Club that I will present the matter to the Board and make reply at the earliest possible moment.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

*Letter to all
property at Haines
is self explanatory
on the Home Board.
No transfer can be
made to Wom. Bd.*

*Woman's
Board Haines
Miss Voss,
should be
consulted as
to this*

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February 17, 1921

Mr. Varian Banks,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mr. Banks:

Enclosed with this letter is a communication regarding a request coming from Haines Masonic Club for information as to the possibility of purchase of the Haines Hospital Tract and Lot for Public school purposes.

No This proposition leads me to ask whether the Haines Hospital Lot has been formally transferred to the Woman's Board. Also, to raise the question why the same should not be re-transferred to the Men's Board in case the Woman's Board has abandoned its purpose to maintain the same as a Hospital and inasmuch as it now seems that the Bureau of Education does not propose to occupy the same. Is there any valid reason why the Men's Board should not now repossess this property, which is a part of the original grant to the Men's Board by government patent, and undertake the disposition of the same along with the proposed disposition of other parts of the holdings not actually needed in mission work? It would seem to me that this would be the logical and just disposition of the matter. I am submitting the suggestion to you apart from my other communication of this date which latter will probably be submitted to the Woman's Board in case that the above formal transfer has been made.

*Yes transfer was made
Mar 1916* { Some time since I asked whether formal transfer had been made of the Sitka property to the Woman's Board. To this time I believe that I have no reply to that query. I would like the definite information.


In connection with the Haines property a suggestion has come to me that possibly a real estate company might be formed to handle the portion of the Board's Haines property not needed in its actual work and which it now seems will be disposed of as demand arises. Would not this be a desirable way of taking care of the whole matter? It is not to my mind to be involved in real estate business; neither is it best for our local missionary to be involved in such business matters. If a reliable company should be available to handle the whole property matter, either by outright purchase of the surplus holdings or on a commission basis, would it not be a desirable solution of the whole problem? What is your mind and advice as to this?

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

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February 18, 1921



Mr. Varian Banks,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mr. Banks:

While in Haines last week application was made to me for the transaction of two leasing arrangements with natives, involving certain details which seemed to make it desirable that I prepare the same while on the field. I therefore executed the leases, subject to your approval, and enclose the originals in each instance.

Charles Jackson, a native of good repute, desired to buy the house and obtain a lease to the lot which has been occupied by George Kasko. George Kasko has removed from the Mission Tract and has relinquished his lease. The lot in question is Lot 7, Block 2, as by the Birkembine survey. I prepared the lease according to the form originally issued by the Board's Attorney, Judge Gunnison. I trust that you will find it in order.

James Watson, who has occupied a lot in the street, Fourth Avenue, on which he had a house prior to the making of the survey, desired to buy the house on Lot 8, Block 3, to obtain a lease to said lot, and to remove his house in the street, on this lot, to be added on to the house now there standing.

This lot was originally leased to Jimmie Young, May 12 1916. Young sold his house and relinquished his leasing right to John James, who has since died. Now, the widow of James, who is married to John Mark, has sold her house to James Watson and has relinquished the lease held formerly by her first husband.

James Watson is a desirable tenant, a good native, and it is to the advantage of the Board to have the house now in the street removed from the same. He expects to do this moving as soon as winter is over but will occupy his present house until spring. The street lot is now withdrawn from the leasing privilege.

It is my hope that this new arrangement will also be found in order.

Sincerely yours,

